

The Bethel News.

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BETHEL, MAINE, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 1905.

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Shirt Waist Specials

Just received a new lot of Waists. These were bought very low direct from the manufacturers. We give you the benefit by selling them very cheap.

ONE LOT of heavy vesting in white and white with black figure, the new leg-of-mutton sleeve, plaited front and back, neat collar, all sizes, only .98c

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TWO PIECES gray mixture, was 75 cents, now 50 cents.
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We have several odd lot, of Underwear that are slightly soiled or crushed that you can save money on.

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DIED.

In Ashland, Mass., Jan. 12, Edward F. Howard formerly of Bethel.

THE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP BY THE NEWS MAN.

Miss Lulu Bryant was in Portland Saturday.

Mr. Fred Clark was in Milan, N. H., last week.

Miss Maud Goud and sister, Bessie spent Sunday in Norway.

Mr. Lewis Oleson of Wilson's Mills was in town last week.

Mrs. G. R. Wiley went to Portland Saturday to spend a week.

Miss Stearns is advertising winter goods at spring prices, page 4.

Mrs. Churchill of North Paris is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bisbee.

Mrs. N. L. Springer of West Bethel visited Mrs. Fannie Bisbee last week.

Miss Edna M. Stearns of Milan, N. H., visited at D. H. Grover's last week.

Mrs. Bradbury and daughter Lura of West Paris came up Saturday to spend a few days with friends.

Mrs. N. F. Brown, Miss Ethel Morse, Mrs. Ward, and Mrs. Arthur Barker were in Lewiston, Saturday.

Miss Mary Douglas returned from Appleton Saturday, where she taught a very successful term of school.

Mr. George B. Farnsworth came home from Boston last week to visit his mother, Mrs. J. G. Gehring who had been quite ill for several days.

Miss Nell Preble who was operated upon for appendicitis at the Maine General Hospital last week, is getting along nicely and hopes to be able to come home very soon.

There will be a Valentine candy sale in the lecture room of the M. E. church Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 14. Homemade candy will be for sale in fancy boxes in the shape of Valentines.

Miss Minnie Eagle who went to the Maine General Hospital about two weeks ago for treatment for appendicitis, is so far recovered that she expects to return this week.

All citizens are requested to join the Brown Post G. A. R. and to wear the Relief Corps in commemoration of the birthday of Abraham Lincoln on Monday evening, Feb. 13, at 7.30 in Pattee's hall. The children are invited to take part with quotations appertaining to Lincoln, songs especially; several local speakers will give short talks. Children taking part will report to Mrs. Putnam Saturday afternoon so they may be numbered.

Lincoln's birthday will be observed next Sunday forenoon at the Universalist church. A sermon appropriate to the occasion will be given by the pastor, and special music will be rendered by a chorus choir. The members of Brown Post and the ladies of the Relief Corps and the public are cordially invited.

Bethel Festival Chorus was organized last Friday evening with the following officers:

President and Assistant Director—Rev. A. D. Colson.

Secretary—Mrs. G. R. Wiley.

Treasurer—Mr. Miles O'Reilly.

Director—Dr. G. L. Sturdivant.

Accompanist—Mrs. G. L. Sturdivant.

Assistant Accompanist—Miss Ruth King.

Rehearsals will be held each Wednesday evening and a great deal of enthusiasm is manifested among the members.

At a meeting of the trustees of Gould's Academy held last Saturday, it was voted to accept the bequest of Hon. Liberty E. Holden of Cleveland, Ohio, of the Davis house on Church street, together with one thousand dollars to repair the same, the house to be owned and kept in repair by the institution and to be used as the principal's home. A committee consisting of Prin. F. E. Hanscom, Dr. J. G. Gehring and Hon. J. M. Philbrook was appointed to take charge of the repairs. Mr. Holden is a former student of the school and is in all ways one of its most loyal and honored sons.

Mrs. Charles Arno of Gorham, N. H., is caring for Mrs. Corydon Stowell.

Mrs. Emma Lord of Portland, is visiting at the home of Mr. Seth Walker.

Miss Cornelia Bennett of Gilead, visited friends in the village the first of the week.

The assessors are in session this week at their office, preparing the town report.

Nelson W. Brown, principal of the grammar school, has returned to his home at Weeks' Mills.

Mrs. Fred Chandler and daughters of South Paris, spent Sunday with Mrs. Chandler's parents.

The Ladies' Club will be omitted this week, on account of the Gould's Academy Fair Thursday.

The Bisbee Grain Mill is again in operation. You can get some extra nice yellow corn meal. Price right.

Miss Hester Kimball has closed a very successful term of school at Hartford, and returned to her home in East Bethel.

Mr. Hermah Mason and Miss Sara Mason attended the basket ball game between the South Paris and Gould's Academy teams at South Paris last Friday.

Chester Bean has been obliged to leave the University of Maine and come to the Central Maine General Hospital at Lewiston for treatment for appendicitis.

The Columbian Club will meet with Mrs. F. L. Edwards Friday afternoon at three o'clock. Subject, "Venetian Painters of the Renaissance."

The Grange supper which was to have been held with Mrs. James Swan of East Bethel, Feb. 9, has been postponed one week and will meet with Mrs. Porter Farwell, Feb. 16. All invited.

Guy B. Barker who has been working on the Maine Register, has now received employment for a few months on the Hartford Suburban Directory, and may not return to college this term.

Mrs. Wm. Rogers Chapman who has been ill of pneumonia in New York is recovering rapidly. Mr. Chapman however, did not consider it advisable for her to make the journey to Augusta to attend the concert given there last evening.

The M. E. society is arranging a course of lectures to be given at their church within the next few weeks. The first, "A Ramble in Europe," will be given Wednesday evening, Feb. 15, by Rev. Howard A. Clifford of South Paris. The others will follow on consecutive Wednesday evenings.

Additional Locals on Page 4.

Resolutions of Respect.

WHEREAS, Death has entered our Chapter and taken from us, Brother George E. Ryerson, whose earnest and many endeavors have won the love and respect of all its members:

Resolved: That we, as members of Purity Chapter, No. 102, Order of Eastern Star, give expression to the sadness which we sustain in the loss of this beloved and honored Brother.

Resolved: That we keep our Brother in memory, and be ever ready to imitate the virtues which adorned his life.

Resolved: That in our sorrow we remember the still greater sorrow of the bereaved mother and fiancée, and that we extend our heartfelt sympathy in this, their hour of affliction, and look forward with them to the glad reunion when this earthly life is over. May the well-known hope and firmness of soul which he possessed, both in the sunshine and in the shadow of life, be an inspiration to them.

Resolved: That these resolutions be published in the Bethel News, a copy be sent to the mother and fiancée of the deceased, and one be inscribed within the records of our Chapter.

Mrs. D. S. Hastings, Committee

Miss Annie M. Frye, on

Mr. E. S. Kilborn.

Bethel National Bank.

We announced last week that the people of Bethel are rejoicing over the advent of a National Bank. The organization papers have been filed in Washington the preliminary details are being rapidly arranged and the bank will be open to business very soon.

While the officers of the Bethel Savings Bank are interested in the National Bank yet the two institutions are distinctly separate and under different management. The business of the National Bank will, however, be carried on in the Savings Bank rooms, using the same vault and fixtures. This makes it possible to begin operations with a very small outlay and assures success from the start. The outlook is decidedly favorable being located in field ripe for such an institution, backed by a representative list of our town's best people and being able to operate at very little expense.

The bank is capitalized at \$25,000 although double that amount could have been easily secured. In fact the stock subscriptions had to be cut-off while others would have gladly come in. The following are among the stockholders:

Bethel Savings Bank,	Bethel, Maine.
John M. Philbrook,	Bethel, Maine.
Eben S. Kilborn,	Bethel, Maine.
Addison E. Herriek,	Bethel, Maine.
Ellery C. Park,	Bethel, Maine.
Nathaniel F. Brown,	Bethel, Maine.
Ira C. Jordan,	Bethel, Maine.
Josiah U. Purington,	Bethel, Maine.
Seth Walker,	Bethel, Maine.
Fannie W. Bisbee,	Bethel, Maine.
Leon H. Tyler,	Bethel, Maine.
Ernest C. Bowler,	Bethel, Maine.
Lucinda E. Bean,	Fryeburg Academy Grant, Maine.
Nelson R. Springer,	Bethel, Maine.
John G. Gehring,	Bethel, Maine.
Ernest M. Walker,	Bethel, Maine.
Isaac S. Morrill,	Bethel, Maine.
George M. Forbush,	Bethel, Maine.
Abbie G. Bean,	Bethel, Maine.
Annie Cross,	Bethel, Maine.
Elmer H. Young,	Bethel, Maine.
Edward King,	Bethel, Maine.
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Frank E. Hanson,	Bethel, Maine.
Emily J. Philbrook,	Bethel, Maine.
John H. O'Connor,	Bethel, Maine.
Chauncey C. Bryant,	Bethel, Maine.
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William C. Bryant,	Bethel, Maine.
Daniel S. Hastings,	Bethel, Maine.
Fred L. Edwards,	Bethel, Maine.
John A. Twaddle,	Bethel, Maine.
Clarence K. Fox,	Bethel, Maine.
Goodwin R. Wiley,	Bethel, Maine.
Eliphalet E. Whitney,	Bethel, Maine.
Robert E. L. Farwell,	Bethel, Maine.
Martha E. Bartlett,	Hanover, Maine.
Eugene L. Tebbets,	Auburn, Maine.
Charles A. Lucas,	Bethel, Maine.
Herman Mason,	Bethel, Maine.

Valentine Party.

There will be given a Valentine Party at the Universalist Chapel next Tuesday evening, Feb. 14 and a cordial welcome is extended to all both old and young. A most enjoyable evening is assured and the price of admission will be very modest. A pleasing and original entertainment is being prepared, consisting of vocal and instrumental music, an excerpt from Dicken's of a humorous nature, an original article, etc. And Cupid will assume visible form and be present to distribute some of his choicest valentines. Sweet sugar kisses will be on sale. One request is made, which is that the old must feel young and that the young must remain young on this occasion. For further information, see posters.

STATE NEWS.

The little town of Crawford, with only 39 voters, did the biggest porcupine business in 1904, killing no fewer than 4,052 of the animals.

The first white man born on the Aroostook river, John Johnson of Fort Fairfield, died last week. He was born near Presque Isle in 1822 and spent his whole life in Aroostook.

Brunswick was one of the few towns where leap year resulted in an increase of weddings. There were 70 in 1904 to 64 in 1903.

Town Schools.

Schools throughout the town closed last week after a successful year of thirty weeks. The following pupils were not absent one-half day from the village schools:

Miss Twaddle's room:—

Carl Brown.
Ara Burgess.
Ernest Bowler.
Albert Clark.
Hazel Douglas.
Dorris Frost.
Elmon Jordan.
Edith Marsden.
Edward Mercier.
Ruby Perkins.
Walter Rowlands.
Alice Swan.
Sylvia Swan.

Charles Tuell.
Carroll Valentine.
Clement Wood.
Ray York.
Ralph Young.

Miss Andrews' room:—

Arnold Abbott.
Llewellyn Bartlett.
Marion Frost.
Margaret E. Herriek.
Vera Holt.
Frederick Potter.
Charles Small.
George Stowell.
Howard Tyler.

Miss Richardson's room:—

Hazel Arno.
Carroll Colson.
Mildred DeMerritt.
Zenas Forbush.
Blanche Herriek.
Herman Robertson.
Percy Robertson.
Earl Stowell.
Absent one day:—
Harry Young.

NORTH NEWRY.

Mr. and Mrs. George Wight who have been visiting Mr. Wight's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Wight, have returned to their home in Boston.

Mrs. Hubert York and little daughter are visiting at W. D. Kilgore's.

Mr. Leslie Littlehale of Rockland, visited his mother, Mrs. Mary Littlehale, one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Flint have been to Magalloway to visit Mr. Flint's parents.

W. W. Kilgore has moved his family back to Mountain View camp to finish his logging job.

Percy Brinck is soon to move back to his home and will work in H. F. Thurston's mill.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Chapman of Bethel, have moved into Mr. E. P. Chapman's house to care for Mr. Chapman.

We were pleased to know that Mrs. Walker has improved in health so as to be able to ride out last Sunday.

Flossie Stearns who has been very ill is more comfortable.
Sadie Thompson is working for Mrs. Horatio Wight who is in very poor health.

We are glad to hear that Minnie Eagle who is at the Maine General Hospital for treatment, is soon to return home.

Pirating Foley's Honey and Tar.

Foley & Co., Chicago, originated Honey and Tar as a throat and lung remedy, and on account of the great merit and popularity of Foley's Honey and Tar many imitations are offered for the genuine. Ask for Foley's Honey and Tar and refuse any substitute offered as no other preparation will give the same satisfaction. It is mildly laxative. It contains no opiates and is safest for children and delicate persons.
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Belle—When was that?
Nell—Today.

Belle—No; I mean when were you handsome?

Stone Rings

My stock of Stone Rings is larger than I care to carry this season of the year and in order to reduce the stock I will for the next thirty days sell Stone Rings at 25 per cent. reduction or just one quarter off regular prices. This will prove a rare chance to secure a ring at an unusually low price. Every ring warranted solid gold. This sale includes ladies', gentlemen's Children's and babies' rings.

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NOTICE.

I wish to say to the tax payers of Bethel that I shall be in the Selectmen's office on Saturday next, Feb. 11, in order to settle with the town preparatory to closing the report for the year. As I am out of town all of the time I shall deem it an accommodation if all those having unpaid taxes who can possibly make it convenient to see me at that time and place will do so.
F. J. TYLER, Collector.

NORTH NEWRY.

Miss Flossie Stearns is still quite sick.

Mr. Arthur Parker is at work for W. A. Foster.

Miss Erma Thurston was in Bethel a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Stearns visited at W. A. Foster's last Sunday.

Mr. John Daley of Gorham, N. H., was in town last week on business.

Mr. Arthur Wight of Hanover spent Sunday with his parents Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Wight.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Wight who have been spending the winter with W. B. Wight have returned to their new home in Massachusetts.

Poisons in Foods

Perhaps you don't realize that many pain poisons originate in your food, but some day you may feel a twinge of dyspepsia that will convince you. Dr. King's New Life Pills are guaranteed to cure all sickness due to poisons of undigested food—or money back. 25c at all druggists. B.

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Time Table in Effect Dec. 4, 1904.

TRAINS GOING EAST.

	A. M.	P. M.
Island Pond, leave...	1.45	6.30
Go. Am.,	4.00	8.20
Gilead,	4.25	8.40
West Bethel,	4.38	8.50
BETHEL, arrive,	4.46	9.00
Locke Mills,	4.57	9.10
Bryant Pond,	5.05	9.18
South Paris,	5.38	9.44
Lewiston,	6.05	10.45
Portland, arrive,	7.30	11.30
Boston, via rail,	12.45	4.10

TRAINS GOING WEST.

	A. M.	P. M.
Portland, leave,	8.15	1.30
Lewiston,	9.00	2.25
South Paris,	10.07	3.22
Bryant Pond,	10.34	4.02
Locke Mills,	10.41	4.12
BETHEL, arrive,	10.50	4.25
West Bethel,	10.57	4.35
Gilead,	11.07	4.59
Gorham,	11.30	5.40
Island Pond,	1.30	5.50
Montreal,	6.50	7.00
Toronto,	7.15	4.50
Chicago,	8.45	7.20

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CHAPTER XXII.

A DECEPTION UNVEILED.

Bertie disappeared immediately after lunch, saying that he had business in town and a good many people to see, and Molly and he had lunched alone. Betha had mentioned that Eve had left a message that she might be late, and that they were not to wait for her, so that the things were cleared away as usual, and Molly went out, returning about dusk. Eve was not back, which surprised her a little, and when she went into the drawing-room she found her brother ensconced there by a good fire, the bright day having turned cold. He asked her to ring for tea at once, and when it came, took up his usual "Lord-of-creation" attitude on the rug, his cup on the mantel-piece. When Molly looked up he was regarding her rather mysteriously; Bertie was wont to assume an expression of great majesty on occasion, especially when he had any thing to say which he thought ought to reduce his sister into a condition of meek subservience.

"You don't seem at all curious, Molly, about what I am going to tell you regarding your friend," he began.

"What do you mean by my 'friend'?" Do you mean Eve?" Molly said. "I hope you are not going to tell me anything disagreeable, Bertie. You know I never believe idle gossip. I love Eve, and I always shall love her. And I don't believe things against people I love."

"Oh, you needn't tell me, Molly, what a little goose you are!" he replied contemptuously. "Every one knows that you inherit the governor's weakness. He would always allow any fool to walk over him. But I think when I tell you what I have got to say, you will see that you have been pretty well taken in. We have all been taken in, in fact, not only you."

"Taken in?" Molly ejaculated. "What do you mean, Bertie? Who has taken us in?"

"Eve has. This precious cousin of yours whom you are so fond of. Why, Molly, she isn't your cousin at all!" Molly threw back her head at that, and laughed lightly and carelessly. She was not at all put out by this astounding statement, she did not attach to it one ray of credence.

"Bertie, I do wish that you wouldn't listen to every ridiculous story you hear," she said. "You know you have heard wild things about people before—there was that story about old Colonel Maple."

"Look here, Molly, I want no cheek!" Bertie cried angrily. "And I want no tomfoolery! As to believing things, you have shown already this forenoon that you were ready enough to believe a cock-and-bull story about me, and I think you ought to be ashamed of yourself!"

Bertie was so angry that he paced the room indignantly for a few moments after this to let his words sink deep in on Molly's soul, and then he continued magnificently: "But I am willing to overlook that, and to forgive and forget, because you are my sister, when all is said and done. But you will oblige me now if you will listen to a clear statement of fact. That is all I ask."

"When I was in America, I met a lady in New York who knew our real cousin, Eve Luttrell, and of course she asked me about her—if she had returned from Egypt, and how she had enjoyed it? I said we could not be talking of the same person, for Eve Luttrell, our cousin, was staying with you and the governor now, at St. Rule's, and never had been to Egypt as far as I knew. We were at cross purposes for some time, and then I happened to say what a very good-looking girl Eve was, and she burst out laughing, and said she didn't think much of my taste. 'In the States,' she said, 'Miss Luttrell was considered rather plain, although she dressed so well, and was so altogether smart and up-to-date that she had a great vogue.' I couldn't get over that, and we quite quarrelled over it, till she said she would show me a photograph the next time we met. She sent it just before we left, and, Molly, it wasn't the same girl at all!"

He paused then, looking at Molly with much fixed concentration, but his expression was only of the blindest amazement.

thing underneath this which wants looking into. She is a very handsome girl, whoever she is, and I don't say but that she is rather a fascinating one—not that she ever caught me in her toils," Bertie pulled up his collar with dignity. "And there's another thing, Molly, she knew more about that diamond than you think. I am half beginning to believe that she took it. There!"

Molly was thinking deeply; not that she believed anything of the story at all, but she was puzzling as to how the mistake could have arisen. Bertie thought that he had made a deep impression, and he continued, his eyes fixed on hers:

"There are one or two things that I remembered afterwards, on thinking the matter over. You don't think much of my sense, Molly, I know, but some people consider I am sharp enough for all that, and I have one or two little clues which I think might be worked up against Miss Eve. The first is that she had as much chance as I to take the diamond that afternoon when you were all in the kitchen. She went for a smelling-bottle, she said—did she ever bring it?"

"Yes, Bertie."

"Well, she had time enough, smelling-bottle included, to go and nip up the diamond. Of that I am sure. You were ready to suspect me. I'd like to know why you never thought of her?"

Molly made no reply to this indignant question. She knew that it was useless to reply to Bertie in this mood, and he continued determinedly: "That's the clue number one. She could have taken the diamond. Clue number two. What was she doing in the garden late that night? Bertie. How do you know?"

"Because I saw her coming in. I was late, as you may remember. I had gone to Cameron's, and we sat late, talking about this business of his loan to me. When I got back I let myself in with my key, and went to the drawing-room for something to eat and drink. The fire was almost out, and I was just about to turn up the gas, when she, Eve, came in by the French window, still in her evening dress, with a shawl over her shoulders. She told me some cock-and-bull story—that about going into the garden to look for a ghost. Of course I didn't believe it, but I never thought then that she had anything to do with the diamond."

"I don't believe she had, Bertie. I don't believe it for a single moment," Molly said with resolute patience. "All this I am sure could be explained."

"Oh yes! she could explain anything to you. She could twist your round her little finger, I don't doubt," Bertie cried savagely, intensely irritated by her refusal to be impressed, or even in the slightest degree suspicious.

"But I am the head of the house, for my father, of course, is no use at all, and I intend that Miss Eve Luttrell, as she calls herself, shall give me a pretty full explanation. I shall want satisfaction about that diamond. The more I think of it, Molly, the more furious I feel. If you and she got Canty to send off that detective—and that is a pretty suspicious circumstance against her—you will be so kind as to tell him that you were mistaken, and I shall be obliged to him to get his detective back to work out this precious matter till the guilty person is brought to light. I don't intend to lie under suspicion," Bertie was crimson with anger. "And I mean to put things on a satisfactory footing before I leave this house."

Molly had heard her brother assume this belligerent tone before. He usually employed it to her and David; David called it "one of his trumps," but Molly had never seen him quite so fiercely determined, and she felt troubled and vaguely uneasy. When Eve returned he would probably rush into accusations which would be humiliating to think of afterwards. What should she do? Should she manage to see her cousin first, and tell him of this strange story, this strange hallucination? What if Eve were to walk into the room now, and Bertie were to begin without any preamble?

Even as she thought, the front-door bell pealed through the house, and she started almost guiltily, rising to her feet with a vague impulse to leave the room. But Bertie laid his hand determinedly upon her shoulder, and pushed her gently back into the ingle-nook.

"Sit still where you are, Molly. If this is Eve Luttrell, let her come in here."

"She would not ring, Bertie," Molly had begun, when the door opened and Betha announced "Mr. Neil Cameron."

He came forward quickly, his face rather paler than usual, and his look half-anxious, half-apprehensive, as Bertie could see. The look took in Molly at once, and seemed to see only her. She had risen, and now gave him her hand very calmly, though all the blood had left her face. How her heart was beating she only knew.

"I ventured to call, Molly," he said rather low, "in answer to a note I had from your father. I am on my way to India. I have an appointment, there in one of the colleges, and I was in St. Rule's for a few hours to gather my belongings together. Your father had written to ask me about a certain piece of valuable apparatus which he had lent to Professor Mainwaring. I could not very well explain by letter. We are very pleased to see you," Molly said gently then. "Bertie has just come home from the States. I will go and tell my father that you are here."

one but his sister, though he had, on his side, studiously avoided seeing his old friend's outstretched hand. "There are one or two things that I should like to speak to Mr. Cameron about. If you won't give me any explanation as to this breaking off of your engagement, perhaps he will."

"Bertie!"

The tone of anguish, of appeal, and yet of command, were all so mingled that he turned upon her as if arrested. Molly's eyes were blazing, there was a bright flush, a red stain of color on either pale cheek.

"I forbid you to proceed any farther," she said very low, but with erect head. "The breaking of our engagement lies between Mr. Cameron and me. No one else in the world has anything to do with it. I forbid you to say any more."

When once a gentle nature is fairly aroused the result is apt to be rather surprising, and Bertie was checked into silence now; he yielded with a bad grace.

"It seems to me," he said sulkily, "that I have come home to be treated like a school-boy. But I don't intend that to continue, Molly, and so I tell you. If you take it like this, of course I can say no more upon the matter—at least not now. You and Cameron can please yourselves." And then suddenly a thought seemed to strike him, and he turned round upon the other man indignantly. "You never told her about lending me that money, Cameron—and what do you think she got into her head in consequence?"

It was no use to try to stop him. Molly could only wait with her hands clenched in her lap. The cup of her humiliation seemed full.

"She thought that I had taken the diamond! Her own brother!" Cameron had turned his grave, pitying eyes involuntarily upon Molly's face. So she had thought that, and borne it alone! It was curious, indeed, he thought now, that he had never guessed that her suspicions might turn in this direction.

"A pretty thing for a sister to suspect, wasn't it?" Bertie cried. "She owned it without blushing too; and yet when I tell her what seems to me to be a very ugly and suspicious story about Eve Luttrell, she refuses to listen to it at all. You never know when you have a girl!"

Molly could see his quick start, his quick, flashing look, and her heart seemed to sickle within her. How he would despise Bertie! How cold and scornful would be his look if her brother proceeded farther!

"What story have you heard about Miss Luttrell?" Cameron said slowly, and as if speaking almost unconsciously. "Do you mean in the States, or here in St. Rule's? People are apt to gossip in St. Rule's. I don't think, if I were you, Bertie, that I should give much credence to any gossip."

"Oh no, of course not! There is no credence to be laid upon any story about any one except me!" the young man cried. "But you are a man, Cameron; a man isn't so easily taken in as a girl. So perhaps when you hear my story you will not be quite so cocksure. I suppose she took you in too, and that you admired her? Most men did. But you will be rather surprised to learn that she isn't Eve Luttrell at all! I won't be quiet, Molly. Did you hear, Cameron?"

"I don't think I understood," the other said, it must be owned, a trifle contemptuously.

"Don't you understand English?" Bertie repeated then, more loudly than ever. "She isn't Eve Luttrell at all!" And just then the door opened, and Eve herself, followed by Canty, walked slowly into the room. They turned, all three, and looked at her.

CHAPTER XXIII.

EVE TELLS HER STORY.

She had heard. That was quite apparent. They looked at her, all of them, a variety of painful expression in each face. Bertie alone remained unmoved, righteously indignant. So might a judge look upon the bench, before a detected criminal on whom he was about to pronounce sentence of unswerving justice. It quite inflated Bertie, indeed, to feel so delightfully self-righteous; the position was one of importance. He, the acting head of the family, had detected this tissue of deceit, and he meant to lay it bare before all the world. Eve had never much admired Bertie; there had always been something faintly scornful in his tone, at which his self-conceit had chafed fiercely. Now was the time for avenging, the time for showing her up in her true colors!

"I think I heard you mention my name, Bertie, as we came in?" she said slowly, seating herself on a chair in the centre of the room where she could face them all. "I believe I heard you say that I 'was not Eve Luttrell at all'?" She drew off her suede gloves deliberately and stretched them across her knee. "You have only forestalled something that I was about to say myself, though probably I had not anticipated quite so large an audience." She looked at him with a faint smile then. "It seems hardly fair to come upon you just now and spoil your de-nouement, does it. To take the chief role from you?"

"You are very clever," he said, "at twisting things up in words, I have noticed that before, but we don't want that kind of thing now. We want a simple and clear explanation of what all this means. I, representing my father, who is as easily gulled as a baby, demand an explanation. I have to look after Molly, who is little better than he, where worldly matters are concerned. It has been a tissue of deceit!"

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lute. Molly was silent, gazing in wide-eyed amazement. Why did not Eve answer his accusations, coldly and scornfully? She made a faint movement to go over to her friend, but Eve held up her hand as if to ward her off.

"No, Molly, please don't come yet. I want to answer Bertie, and tell you all the truth at last. Lord Canty knows it. We are going to be married—he and I—to-morrow, in Edinburgh, and I told him the whole story before I promised."

"I should like to be sure of that," Bertie cried then. "It is all very well to take this tone—"

"Somebody will take a tone towards you that you won't care about young man, presently," Canty cried then, starting suddenly to his feet; but Eve only laughed, putting her hand under his arm and pulling him gently back.

"Don't be foolish, Lord Canty," she said. "We don't want any heroics, and Bertie shall be perfectly satisfied that you are quite aware of the danger you are running, be sure of that. Molly, it is to you after all, and only to you, that I owe the story. For it is true, Molly, that I have deceived you. I have lived here all these months under a false name, I have taken your love and your friendship under a false name. It has all been a tissue of deceit, as Bertie eloquently says, for I am not Eve Luttrell at all!"

Molly gave a little gasp, but the hazel eyes seemed to beg her silence, and Eve resumed, stretching the gloves across her knee with a monotonous movement.

"I need not go back now, to tell you all my story. My real name is Evelyn—Evelyn Raymond, and I have led a wandering life, travelling to and fro from continental towns to London with my uncle, who is what is generally called a reprobate. He used to win money at cards. I think he has been in prison. He has been both an actor and a singer in his time. My mother was his sister, but she was very unlike him, and my father was an English gentleman, an artist, who died in poverty in Rome. That is all I need tell you about them. I was desperately unhappy always with Uncle Geoff; but there didn't seem to be anything particular to do, or any other niche in the world for me, so I stayed on with him, till some one heard my voice in Paris, and said I ought to train as a singer. We came to London, where I studied for a year at the Gaiety Hall, and then suddenly my voice broke down, and the doctor said I must go away for a year, and rest. I was desperate, Uncle Geoff was furious. He wanted me to go and dance at the Gaiety, and I would not, and it was just then that I met a young American girl who had come to the class with a friend. She was a Miss Eve Luttrell, who had just arrived from the States, and one day she told me that she was going down to Scotland, by the directions of her father's will, to stay for a year with a Scots Professor and his daughter. She was grumbling very much about it; her trustee was a stern man who insisted that she should go, and would, she said, think nothing of making her return to the States, or of withholding her income, if she refused. As she was under age, she had to obey. She wanted to go to Egypt instead, with some friends, and I, I thought, the man who was her lover, I laughed, and said I only wished I had her chance. She suggested then, suddenly, that I should, and we arranged a little scheme. I was to come down here, in her place; I would tell her what went on, she would write letters to the trustee, and I would post them from St. Rule's. That is all the story. I went off, without saying anything to Uncle Geoff. I came here, and it has been the happiest year of my life. I ought to have been punished, of course, as Bertie will tell you; the way of my transgression

(To be Continued.)

SELECTIONS.

Churches are an awful long way from good fishing.

It makes a man awful tired working hard to keep from doing anything. In an argument the way to get the other fellow mad is not to let him get you mad.

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The beginnings of manufacture, as well as the emigration from New England to the West, made immigration absolutely necessary. Soon vanished the idyllic days of the "Lowell Offering," the sweet young American factory girls whom Andrew Jackson admired so much in his New England peregrinations in the early thirties. The Irish Famine made New England. Her manufacturing system, her railroads her canals in the days of canals, the public works, the multifarious prosperity, were due, so far as the labor was concerned, largely to "the Irish." Into the cotton factories, meanwhile, came also English, Scotch, Welsh and French Canadian operatives.

The race of the elder settlers, having done its work and now demanding a higher standard of comfort, grew less fertile. For it should be remembered that the New England marriage rate or birth rate decreased by deliberate choice and for social and economic reasons. "The Irish" increased and multiplied. They possessed the land. The temporary early prejudice, natural in a provincial commonwealth, passed away. In Boston and some other cities they became the rulers. They were thoroughly acclimated. They became Americans of Americans.

Hardly has the still not old observance of conditions and changes in New England time to mark the triumph of the Americanized Celt before new races swim into his ken and disturb his calculations. The prolific French Canadians are powerful or dominant, we believe, in some New England cities, Holyoke, for instance. Did not the French Canadian retain his love for home, for "my dear Canada," as perhaps you may have heard him sing in French in a train at the Vermont border, he would be still more important. Italy has come to Boston and to the rest of the New England country. In the sacred towns of old name, Salem and Plymouth, some Italian dialect is apt to be the first language the reverent visitor to the Gallows Hill or Puddle Dock hears. The Greeks, too, have settled in the Modern Athens. The Portuguese are strong along "the Cape." Mesopotamia, Asia Minor, Roumania, Russia, Poland have been emptying into the Connecticut and way stations. Jews are numerous. "What shall the outcome be?" asks the Boston Herald, the murmur of many strange tongues in its respectable ears.

Wait till the day of alligation till the composite race, the New Englander, is born. And don't worry even if it be true of the New Englander that "their moral standards are low." The moral standards of pious New England in the late seventeenth and the eighteenth century were low. Remember how many of your great-grandmothers had to confess, in church, certain indiscretions of their hot youth when George First or Second, was King. Those of us who spring, and are glad of it, from New England stock, should know enough of our ancestors and ancestresses to know that they were very human.

The real problem to confront the New England convolutions is "How Shall I Make a Living in the Sweet By and By?" Wool and shoes are the only trades that have not been wrenched from her. On cotton her hold is precarious. Rich, and frugal and full of high character and qualities as she is, the industrial and commercial sceptre has passed from her hands.

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"That thar was an automobile," responded Sile.

"And what was the blue streak?"

"That was the man that got hit swearing."

The Original MacIntosh. "MacIntosh boasts a great deal about his family, doesn't he?"

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Bargain Weakness.

"How in the world did you ever sell that paper any poetry?" asked the tall pen-pusher.

"Why, the editor is a woman," responded the short scribe.

"What of that?" She refused my matter at \$5 per column."

"Yes, but I offered my manuscript at \$4.99 per column."

Wasted Energy.

"What a terrible crash!" exclaimed one lady to another in an overcrowded car.

"Terrible!" said the other. "And such a waste of energy, too."

"Wasted energy?" echoed lady No. 1.

"Yes no bargain counter near," explained lady No. 2.

ADVANTAGES OF GAS LIGHTING.

Many Points of Superiority of Gas Lighting Over Electricity.

Lighting by coal gas consisted not many years ago in a maximum of heat and a minimum of light. Very little effect was secured from the calorific capacity of the gas, and it was the boast of the electric light men that gas, burned in the gas engine to generate power to drive a dynamo, would produce, despite the intermediate losses, a greater amount of light than could be obtained when the gas was burned in the ordinary manner. But gas lighting with modern methods is far ahead of electricity in all save conveniences, health. The matter of health is not unimportant. The economy in one year over electricity would pay for the ventilation necessary to remove the products of combustion. At this moment electric lighting stands, where it did when first commercially introduced. There has been practically no progress. It is certain that there can be no such progress as will equalize the cost of the two lights so long as electric light depends on steam power for its prime mover. Gas engines will do something to reduce cost, but there can be very little doubt in the mind of any engineer that the plant required for producing the electric light is out of proportion extravagant as compared with that required for gas light.

In coal consumption the incandescent electric light probably demands three times as much as modern gas lighting.—Cassier's Magazine.

Nuisance of the Puckered Mouth.

The man who whistles continually in the streets, the cars, and other places where he can and does annoy others is usually merely thoughtless. Whistling is a habit, as natural to some natures as breathing. The small boy tries to catch the latest tunes, the musical adult loves to repeat the measure of some tuneless refrain. Apopular composer once said that he wrote always to suit the whistle of the boy in the street. If he could produce a composition that could be easily rendered by this means he knew he had a winner. The recent record of street tunes, carried to the uttermost corners of the community by the whistling boys and men, will show what a potent force is the puckered mouth and the vibrant tongue. "Hiawatha" and "Bedelia" would perhaps never have attained their remarkable though short-lived vogue if it had not been for the boys. And back of them for a generation or more are memories of others whistled to death in the streets.—Washington Star.

Cow in a Philadelphia Saloon.

The proverbial bull in the china shop was literally outclassed last night by a rebellious cow that broke away from its herd and raided two stores and a hotel near Sixteenth and Market streets.

The cow belonged to a herd which was being driven east on Market street to slaughter. When the animals, reached Seventeenth and Market streets the cow became stubborn and refused to follow its companions. It trotted away and before the drovers could stop it entered the saloon of Edward Cronin, at 1618 Market street. There were sixteen or eighteen men lined up around the bar and when Snookie strolled calmly in many of them imagined that a friend of the nether regions had taken new form. There was a wild scamper and the place was deserted in a minute. After knocking a few glasses from the bar the cow left the place.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Ways of Japanese Widows.

Widows in Japan, of whom there will soon unfortunately be a greatly increased number, cut their hair short and comb it back plainly without a parting, unless, indeed, they are prepared to accept offers, in which case they give a broad hint of their inclinations by twisting their hair round a long shell hairpin placed horizontally across the back of the head. Marriageable maidens distinguish, and, as it were, advertise themselves by combing their locks high in front and arranging them in the form of a butterfly (which is something to be caught), or a fan half open, and adorning these significant designs with bright colored balls and gold or silver cord. Speaking generally, the dressing of the hair, which is changed at intervals from childhood upward, is an indication of the age and position of the simple minded and fascinating female Jap.—London Society.

Was Once a Crossing Sweeper.

At a corner of Portman square, in the west end of London, Mary Brian, a little woman from the Emerald Isle, has been passing her days for the last forty years. By profession she is a crossing sweeper, but her 80 years prohibit much active work now, so that she is usually seen sitting on an upturned box telling her beads or rocking to and fro as she watches the passersby. Rain and shine, she takes her place at the corner early in the morning. A big cotton umbrella shelters her white hair from the storms and a plaid shawl pinned tightly around her neck protects her body from the cold.

Be Cheerful.

Cheerfulness. The root of gladness may be in the heart all right, but it has to blossom out into a sunny face and pleasant words before men will pay the slightest attention to it. The sunny aspect toward which the world is the only footing upon which special intercourse can be based.

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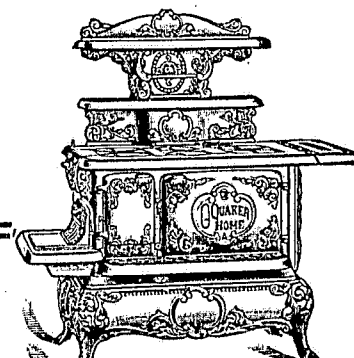
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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 8, 1905.

STATE HOUSE TALK.

The fifth week of the Seventy-second Legislature passed; and while not extremely eventful, was marked by sensational airings of county officials before the joint committee on salaries and by exciting developments about State printing.

Two legislative excursions were enjoyed Thursday. The State Prison committee visited the institution where Maine criminals are kept, at Thomaston; while Senator Irving and his Education committee spent the day at Gorham Normal school. Besides these particular committees, many other law-makers were absent on these junkets.

Despite these diversions, much business was executed last week and nearly one hundred matters were heard by the various committees. Early in the week Senator Staples of Knox, facetiously spoken of as the office annihilator, introduced a bill to abolish the office of State liquor agent. Justin M. Leavitt of Kennebunkport holds this office and receives fifteen hundred dollars annually.

The annual report of the State treasurer flatters our financial condition. The reduction of the debt within three years has been \$700,000 and the present debt is less than a million and a half. At this rate we would owe nothing in six years more, though this is hardly to be expected.

The estimated receipts for the current year total two millions and a quarter, while the estimated expenses are two millions. The State tax amounts to nearly a million, while the savings bank tax and the railroad tax each amount to about \$400,000. New corporations will probably pay about \$60,000.

Among estimated expenditures are the following:

School and Mill tax,	\$573,386
U. of M. (regular stipend)	20,000
Soldiers' Pensions,	85,000
Printing and binding,	67,000
State roads,	40,000
Porcupine bounty,	
(back bills)	40,000

In opposition to the Employer's liability act which is a legacy of the last Legislature, Judge Enoch Foster said there is no general occasion for this law. It would disarrange relations between master and servant, which under the common law have existed in Maine for over eighty years. This bill if made a law would confound our court decisions.

Senator Staples had something to say before the railroad committee about his bill to tax railroads for their actual value. He said that similar bills are used in sixteen States for equal taxation. He thinks it unconstitutional to tax some property on its actual value and other property on its gross earnings, and said that if some farms should be taxed on their gross receipts there would be little coming to the State. He thinks that Maine is behind most States in its support of charity, and should raise more money for that purpose; and to this end should tax railroads on their actual value.

The citizens of South Paris appeared before the committee on legal affairs, Tuesday afternoon, in support of a bill allowing the town to establish a municipal lighting plant. The Oxford Light Company now furnishing electric lights for the towns of South Paris and Norway was represented by Orville D. Baker of Augusta, and objected strongly to the bill. Attorney Wright of Norway, appeared for the citizens of

South Paris and Charles S. Cook of Portland, for the bond holders. The bill awaits action by the committee.

The resolve in favor of a school for feeble-minded is meeting with wide-spread endorsement with slight opposition manifest. Many feeble-minded people are now in our jails. This is wrong; they are not criminals, but defective. Such a school would make it possible for fifty per cent. to support themselves wholly and fifteen per cent. partly.

Another interesting measure is that regulating the use of automobiles. The farmers think that further regulation is needed to protect the general public on country roads.

The Grangers favor this bill, also two others. One will revive the fight of two years ago to force manufacturers to pay tax on their capital stock as well as their real estate and their escaping this as many do at present. The other is a bill to secure more school money from the tax income at the present rate.

Many law-makers, it is thought, favor the proposed increase in wild lands taxation. The annual cut of logs is estimated at nearly 700,000,000 and thought to be no greater than the annual growth. The price per thousand feet for stumpage averages about four dollars and makes a handsome income. The valuation assessed upon this property by the State is about \$25,000,000 and the rate of taxation only 2 1/2 mills, this property being taxed only by the counties; and the rate is that fixed by the Legislature for all State property, as provided by the Constitution. When the Constitution was adopted wild lands had little value. Lands which sold not many years ago at only a few cents per acre have sold lately, by the township, for \$35 an acre. The increase in cash value is rapid and steady; yet the tax stays the same, save for a slight yearly increase in valuation by the State assessors—an increase less than \$1,000,000 a year for the past fifteen years, though the selling value has doubled over and over again. For years the Grange, as the representative organization of the great body of tax payers, who pay a heavier tax than any other class, has been seeking to settle this question fairly for all concerned, and to bring about an approach to equality in bearing the expenses of the government.

Probably the most brilliant social occasion ever enjoyed at the Capitol City was the reception rendered Wednesday evening by Representative Gannett and Mrs. Gannett to legislators and their ladies. A wealthy profusion of flowers, a bountiful banquet, and dancing and music given in Howard Hall, Mr. Gannett's curio museum of antique Yankee things—all this lent a cordiality and grandeur rarely witnessed in New England.

Among the pleasures and business coming there are the Resubmission hearing Tuesday, Feb. 7, the hearings on Salaries and State Printing to be continued, the Sturgis liquor enforcement commission next week, the Governor's Reception at City Hall, Feb. 22, and legislative trips to the Reform school at Cape Elizabeth, also to the University of Maine.

The session seems to be nearly half over and a large volume of State business is being hustled through various committee channels.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

Miss E. E. Burnham is confined to her home by illness. Mr. Fred Rackliffe of Belfast was in town on business today. Mr. Ellery C. Park was in Norway on business, Tuesday. Remember the Valentine Party at Pattee Chapel next Tuesday evening.

Come to the Universalist Chapel next Tuesday evening and get a Valentine.

Mr. and Mrs. Corydon Stowell are receiving congratulations. The little gentleman arrived Feb. 1.

Mr. E. S. Kilborn is assisting in the Savings Bank during the illness of Miss Burnham.

Mr. O. C. Foster has severed his connection with the Bethel M. E. Co., and is clerking for J. P. Skilling.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral

Doctors first prescribed Ayer's Cherry Pectoral over 60 years ago. They use it today more than ever. They

rely upon it for colds, coughs, bronchitis, consumption. They will tell you how it heals inflamed lungs.

I had a very bad cough for three years. Then I tried Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. My cough was soon healed and my lungs dropped away.

Mrs. Pearl Hyde, Guthrie Centre, Ia.
Box 610.
All druggists.

Old Coughs

One Ayer's Pill at bedtime insures a natural action next morning.

News received Monday from Mrs. O. M. Mason at Orlando, Fla., state that she is immensely enjoying June weather there. She wished to be remembered to all her Bethel friends.

Mrs. E. C. Rowe who has been ill for a number of weeks was operated upon yesterday for appendicitis. Her friends are pleased to know that she is as comfortable as can be expected and are looking forward to a speedy recovery. Dr. King of Portland was the physician in attendance.

The February number of The Congregational Standard, a paper published in the interest of the Congregational church of Bethel, and edited by the pastor, is now in the hands of the subscribers. This is a larger number than the first one, published in January, and is of much interest to all those who are, or have been connected with this church.

Edson F. Howard who recently died in Ashland, Mass., was the son of the late Samuel J. Howard. Mr. Howard was a veteran of the Civil War and has been a helpless invalid for thirty years; he has been cared for the past fourteen years by a brother, S. Emory Howard. He leaves three daughters, two sons also two brothers and four sisters one being Mrs. S. E. Putnam, proprietress of The Howard.

On Thursday, February ninth will occur at Garland chapel the annual fair given by the students of Gould Academy. In the afternoon and evening fancy articles, pictures and home-made candies will be on sale at the decorated tables in charge of young ladies from the several classes and the alumni. At six o'clock a bountiful supper will be served in the chapel dining room which it is hoped may be enjoyed by many of our townspeople. Following the supper will occur the entertainment, presented by members of the student body, which promises to be unusually attractive. The program will consist of a graceful wood drill by eight young ladies, a song-recital, illustrative of our best national odes, selections by the girls' chorus, music by the school orchestra which was so favorably received at the last school entertainment, to conclude with a clever little farce entitled, "A Love of a Bonnet." The fair, as is generally known, is for the benefit of the various school organizations, and no pains have been spared to make the occasion an enjoyable one for all who attend. It is earnestly hoped that it may receive the liberal patronage of all.

Failed.

All efforts have failed to find a better remedy for coughs, colds and lung troubles than Foley's Honey and Tar. It stops the cough, heals the lungs and prevents serious results from a cold. J. N. Patterson, Nashua, Iowa, writes: "Last winter I had a bad cold on my lungs and tried at least half a dozen advertised cough medicines and had treatment from two physicians without getting any benefit. A friend recommended Foley's Honey and Tar and two thirds of a bottle cured me. I consider it the greatest cough and lung medicine in the world."

Sold by G. R. Wiley.

Mrs. Mary M. Rogers, who was sentenced to die upon the gallows last Saturday at Windsor, Vt., is granted a reprieve until the second of June.

Railroad Rebates.

The railway presidents have gravitated to Washington and have talked out in meeting with more frankness than at any previous time; and this is to be commended. Very few of them have heretofore really accepted the doctrine that the great highways of traffic in this country are public rather than private institutions; to be managed chiefly for the public benefit. They are now making a great many admissions of a significant sort that the public will not fail to treasure up.

They are willing to let it be known, for example, that the practice of rebating was a monstrous evil; only they assure us, they have at last, and very recently, so perfectly succeeded by their own efforts in ridding themselves of these pernicious habits that they feel quite sure they can stay reformed without any further attention from the government or the public. Some of them, however, do not feel quite sure, and admit that they are afraid that they may be led again into temptation, and fall from grace through the cajolings of the trusts and powerful shipping corporations. The simple fact is that American railroading has long been full of the practice of favoritism and discrimination against the ordinary shipper. What with rebates, paid in all kinds of hidden and round-about ways to favored concerns in which railroadmen have themselves too frequently been side-partners, and what with the exactions of private car lines and forty kinds of subsidiary corporations for private benefit and against public interest, American railroad administration has been permeated with rottenness and corruption. It is encouraging that the railway magnets should go to Washington and confess that they have been great sinners in the past. But it is scarcely becoming that they should offer quite so active a hand as they have been extending for the shaping of the legislation so urgently needed to protect the public against their confessed short-comings.—Review of Reviews.

LEGISLATIVE NOTICES.

Committee on Legal Affairs.

The Committee on Legal Affairs will give a Public hearing in its room at the State House in Augusta.

Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1905.

No. 72. An act additional to Chapter 34 of the R. S. of Maine relating to holidays.

No. 74. An act to amend Section 16 of Chapter 11 of the R. S. relating to the record of plans in Registries of Deeds in the several counties.

Thursday, Feb. 9, 1905.

No. 77. An act to regulate and define the practice of Optometry; to punish the violators thereof, to create a board of examiners, provide for their appointment, compensation, and for examination of others, and prevent incompetent persons from engaging in the practice thereof.

PERCEVAL P. BAXTER, Secretary.

Committee on Judiciary.

The committee on Judiciary will give a Public hearing in its room at the State House in Augusta, Wednesday, Feb. 8, 1905 at 2 o'clock p. m.

No. 118. On an act to repeal section 26 of chapter 60 of the Revised Statutes, relating to Agricultural Societies.

Thursday, Feb. 16, 1905 at 2 o'clock p. m.

No. 100. On a resolve in favor of publication of York Deeds.

FREDERICK HALE, Secretary.

Thursday Feb. 16, 1905.

No. 93. An act for the protection of children.

No. 94. An act to repeal Section 51, Chapter 40 of the Revised Statutes relating to forfeiture of wages.

No. 96. An act to amend Chapter 140 of the Revised Statutes relating to the support of persons committed to the insane hospitals.

Committee on Taxation.

The Committee on Taxation will give a public hearing in its room at the State House in Augusta, on Thursday, Feb. 16, 1905 at 2 p. m.

On an act to amend Chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the collection of taxes in plantations taxed by wild lands.

A. E. IRVING, Secretary.

Deserved Popularity.

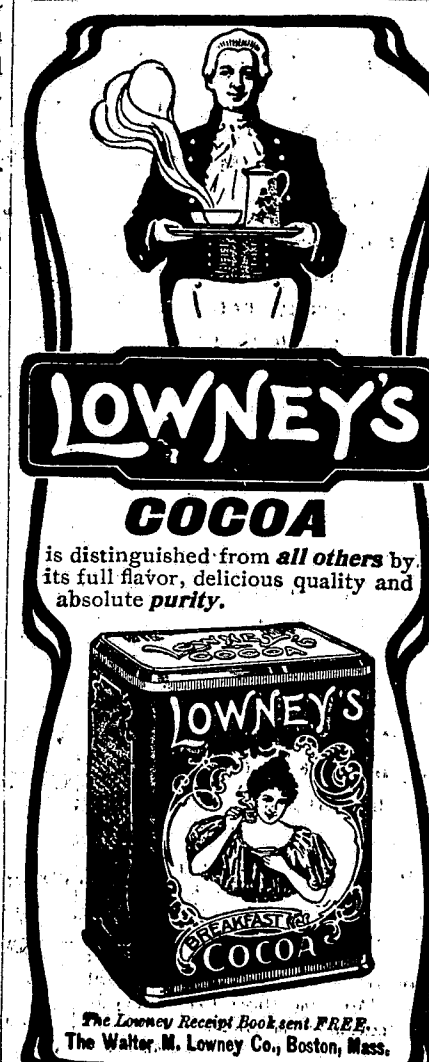
To cure Constipation and Liver troubles by gently moving the bowels and acting as a tonic to the liver, take Little Early Risers. These Famous Little Pills are mild, pleasant and harmless, but effective and sure. Their universal use for many years is a strong guarantee of their popularity and usefulness. Sold by G. R. Wiley.

Mark-Down Sale!

February, the Bargain month, brings to us the knowledge that we MUST have room for Spring goods. To obtain this will sell what is left of our winter stock at reduced prices while the goods are yet worth their full value to you. Here are some of our offers:

Shirt Waists, this season's styles, were \$1.00; now 79c
Fleeced Underwear, was 50 cents, now 39c
Misses' Underwear, was 25c and 30c, now 19c
One lot Ladies' Underwear, were 25c and 30c, now 25c
Misses' Outing Night Robes, were \$1.00, now 69c
Misses' Outing Night Robes, were \$0.79, now 49c
Ladies' Golf Gloves, were 50 cents, now 39c
All our Children's Hose marked down to 12c and 15c
We carry the Crown Wrapper, none better; also Muslin Underwear.

L. M. STEARNS, Bethel, Maine.



BRYANT POND.

Arthur Cushman went to Gorham, N. H., last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elden Ross of Rumford Falls were the guests of Mrs. Ross' sister, Mrs. Clara Hathaway, last Sunday.

Mrs. Abbie Russell, house-keeper for Horace Littlefield, has had her two granddaughters with her for the past two weeks.

Rev. F. E. Barton was in town Saturday calling on his many friends. He gave an excellent sermon Sunday in the Universalist church.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Swan are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter.

Dr. Wheeler of West Paris was in our village Sunday.

Mr. Birney Doughty was at E. J. Mann's Tuesday and attended Pomona Grange.

Elbridge Crooker made a business trip last week to Bethel, Newry and Ketchum.

Vernon Staples was at home over Sunday; he works in the Norway shoe shop.

Ed Andrews has his water pipe thawed out between the store and his house but it is still frozen between there and Alec Day's.

Mrs. Jimmy Farnum is the happy recipient of the gold watch, awarded her as the most popular lady in the prize contest, offered by the Oregon Medicine Co., who held a series of Entertainments here last week. Baby Hayes won the prizes in the baby contest.

What are They?
Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. A new remedy for stomach troubles, biliousness, and constipation, and a good one. Price 25 cents.
For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel, H. W. Dennison, West Bethel, E. J. Tebbets, Lake Mills, and Bennett, Gilead.

NOTICE.
The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator of the estate of GEORGE E. RYERSON, late of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately. January 17th, 1905. Ellery C. Park.

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A Menace to Health.
Kidney trouble is an insidious danger, and many people are victims of a serious malady before the symptoms are recognized. Foley's Kidney Cure corrects irregularities and strengthens and builds up the kidneys, and it should be taken at the first indication of kidney trouble, as it is impossible to have good health if the kidneys are deranged.
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UPTON.
The officers of the Grange were installed Thursday evening by Mr. Norton Ferren of Errol Grange:

Master—Miss Adelia V. Morse.
Overseer—Mr. Joseph Brooks.
Leoturer—Mrs. Mattie Brooks.
Chaplin—Mrs. Enoch Abbott.
Secretary—Mrs. J. Burke.
Treasurer—Mr. H. T. Chase.
Steward—Mr. A. V. Strickland.
Gate-keeper—Mr. Wm. Sweat.
Ceres—Mrs. Jas. Bernier.
Pomona—Mrs. A. Clarke.
Flora—Mrs. Jas. McLeod.
Assistant Steward—Mr. Ralph Casey.
Lady Assistant Steward—Miss Maggie McLeod.

Two or three of the officers were not present and will have to be installed latter.

A Valentine party is arranged for at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Abbott on Upton Hill on Tuesday, Feb. 14, 1905. The proceeds are to go toward buying a new carpet and otherwise refurbishing the inside of the church. Entertainment, refreshments and a valentine for everyone who pays the admission fee of ten cents; children under twelve years five cents. There will be a fish pond and a voting contest with three prizes, one each for the prettiest girl, the most popular matron and the homeliest man. Come and have a good time.

Mrs. Frank Whitney is no better. She is suffering from a severe case of dropsy with other complications.

La Grippe and Pneumonia.

Pneumonia often follows La Grippe but never follows the use of Foley's Honey and Tar. It cures the la grippe-coughs and prevents pneumonia and consumption. Ask for Foley's Honey and Tar and refuse any substitute offered. Mr. G. Vacher, of 157 Osgood St., Chicago, writes: "My wife had a severe case of la grippe three years ago, and it left her with a terrible cough. She tried a bottle of Foley's Honey and Tar and it gave immediate relief. A 50-cent bottle cured her cough entirely." Refuse substitutes.
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Why not stop this falling of your hair without any hair? Just remember stops falling hair, and makes hair grow.

WEST BETHEL.

All the Latest News from Our Neighbors.

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SOUTH PARIS NEWS.

Local and Personal Items From Our Shire Town.

The P. H. S. Basket Ball team played against the Y. M. C. A. of Lewiston Wednesday evening in New Hall, score 23 to 11 in favor of the Y. M. C. A.

Quite a few Paris people attended the dance on Paris Hill Tuesday evening.

The P. H. S. Basket Ball team won a victory over the Gould's Academy Basket Ball team Friday evening in New Hall. The game began at 7:30 and finished at 8:15. The Paris boys are very pleased over their victory as the visiting team is in excellent condition and is composed of fine players. Score 11 to 6.

Charles Cutler has been visiting in West Paris.

Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Bessey of Waterville are guests at Geo. R. Morton's.

The second in the series of musicals will be given at Mrs. Luella Smiley's this evening.

A meeting of the trustees of Oxford County Agricultural Society was held Wednesday Feb. 1, at the society's rooms on the Fair Grounds. The premium lists were completed, an extra class of pulling oxen 7 feet 6 inches and over was made and a vote was passed to raise the price of admission to 35 cents.

J. M. Murch is at the Eye and Ear Infirmary at Portland for treatment for his eye which has troubled him for some time.

The W. C. T. U. Medial Speaking Contest was held Saturday evening Feb. 4, in the Congregational church. The program was as follows:

Psalm Reading, Mrs. E. E. Chapman; Prayer, Mrs. H. A. Clifford; Reading—In the Keys, Louise Sumner; Reading—The Volunteer Organist, Arthur Marston.

Reading—Rescued, Nellie Webb; Vocal Duet, Mrs. Ethel Noyes, Geo. Cutting Jr.; Reading—An Incident of The Crusade, E. M. Evans; Reading—The Child Wine Cup, Ida M. Field; Reading—The Blind Messengers, Ripah K. Morton.

Reading—The Widow and her only Child, Rose Murphy; Solo, Geo. Cutting Jr.

The judges were Lawyer Stearns, Norway, Mrs. Fred Cummings, Norway, Mr. Charles P. Barnes, Norway. The silver medal was presented to Rose Murphy by Mrs. Emery Bonney.

STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss. LUCAS COUNTY.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

FRANK J. CHENEY.
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 8th day of December, A. D. 1886.

A. W. GLEASON,
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Sold by all Druggists, 75c.
Take Hall's Family Pills for Constipation.

GRAFTON.

Mrs. Floyd Searle of Andover, visited her mother, Mrs. A. F. Brooks, a few days last week.

E. B. Farrar is hauling his press hay to Blanchard and Twitchell's logging camps in Cambridge.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. A. F. Brooks is still very ill. Dr. Twaddle of Bethel has attended her for several weeks. Her daughter, Mrs. Learned of Andover is with her at present.

Mrs. C. T. Parker is staying with her mother, Mrs. Farrar looking after the household duties. Mrs. Farrar still continues to gain, although slowly. Her friends look forward for her ultimate recovery.

HOLLISTER'S Rocky Mountain Tea Nuggets.
A Bony Medicine for Bony People.
Brings Golden Health and Renewed Vigor.

A specific for Constipation, Indigestion, Liver and Kidney Troubles, Pimples, Eczema, Impure Blood, Bad Breaths, Rheumatism, Headache and Stomach Trouble. For Rocky Mountain Tea in tablet form, see inside box. (Genuine made by Hollister's Drug Company, Medicine, Wis.)
GOLDEN NUGGETS FOR SALLOW PEOPLE

ALBANY—VALLEY ROAD.

At about two o'clock Monday morning George Connors was awakened by a bright light. He sprang up and found his buildings were on fire. He rushed to the barn and succeeded in getting his horses and three cows out, and then went back to the house where he found his wife almost paralyzed with fright. He got her and the baby and a few of their clothes out of the burning house; all the rest of his personal property in house and barn was destroyed. It is a great loss, and was insured for \$500. Mr. Connors is an industrious, hard-working man.

Herbert Wheeler and his cousin Estella Bean, visited friends in Norway last week.

Parker Flint's and C. H. Fernald's families have nearly all been ill with grip.

The selectmen are making up the town books.

Mrs. Nellie Moore spent a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Wm. McNally at Hunt's Corner recently.

Mrs. C. A. Grover visited Mrs. Judith Grover Seavey one day last week.

George Cummings' house is still under quarantine, but it will be removed next week. The children have been quite sick.

Leslie Cummings is working at West Bethel.

Cleve Bell of West Bethel, was in town over Sunday.

Fred Haselton has returned from the hospital.

Wellington Bird has gone to Bryant Pond.

Mrs. Bruce and Mrs. Kimball are better.

Mrs. Charles Dupham has returned to her home.

Roy Wardwell, Hazel Kimball, W. I. Beckler and wife visited Kezar Lake Grange at North Lovell last week.

CURES WITHOUT STOMACH DOSSING.

Hyomei Cures Catarrh by Simple Breathing. G. R. Wiley Refunds Money If It Fails To Cure.

A long stride toward solving the mystery of curing catarrh was taken with the discovery of Hyomei. In fact, the percentage of cures by this treatment proves it equal to the final tests.

The folly of taking medicine into the stomach to cure catarrh of the nose, throat and lungs, has been realized by physicians, but not until Hyomei was known, had they a practical method that would obviate stomach drugging.

A complete Hyomei outfit costs but \$1, and consists of a neat pocket inhaler that can be used anywhere without attracting attention, a medicine dropper and a bottle of Hyomei. Extra bottles of Hyomei cost but 50c.

Breathing Hyomei through the inhaler, every particle of air that enters the nose, throat and lungs, is charged with a healing balsam that soothes and allays all irritation, kills the catarrhal germs and enriches the blood with additional ozone.

G. R. Wiley has so much faith in the power of Hyomei to cure catarrh, that he is selling it under his personal guarantee to refund the money if it does not give positive relief.

GROVER HILL.

Miss Ruth M. Bean closed a profitable year's labor at the Flat school, last Friday.

In the February "Cosmopolitan" we find a delightful little poem of the typical rural life, entitled "Winter at Newry Corner" by Holman F. Day.

The Rural Free Delivery Inspector was over this route, one day recently.

Mrs. Abijah Bennett remains about the same.

Several teams from Bethel Hill are teaming on Grover Hill.

Mrs. Mary Paine has been ill for the last week.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.
Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure.

E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

STARK, N. H.

Archer Cox and family and Sylvester Abbott and wife are boarding at Aram Abbott's.

Willie Stevens and wife spent Sunday with relatives in Lancaster. Miss Lena Roberts is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Will Emery.

Mr. and Mrs. Ozro Wheeler are entertaining their cousin, Hazel McDonald of Dummer.

Harry Emery and wife are rejoicing over the birth of a little son. Mrs. Louis Crotteau is quite ill. Dr. O'Brien is in attendance.

Miss Lottie Harriman has returned to her home in Stratford.

Arthur Rich has returned from St. Johnsbury, Vt., where he has been visiting friends.

Mrs. Charlotte Rowell went to Lancaster, Tuesday, on a business trip.

Henry Leighton and family were out from the Ponds to spend Sunday with Harry Leighton and family.

Miss Lelia Knights is enjoying a vacation from her work at Alvah Cole's.

Mrs. Etta Cole spent part of last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Cole who are both quite ill.

Miss Mary Maguire was the guest of Mrs. Ira Cole a week.

John Roberts has finished logging and discharged his crew.

Mrs. Smith went to West Milan Saturday.

Harry Emery is driving a pulp team for James Hickey.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Tollen have been entertaining Mr. Ball and family of Groveton.

William Oleson and Roy Cole were in Groveton, Saturday.

James Henry was in West Milan Thursday.

Thomas Pike spent the past week at Concord.

C. A. Cole and wife attended the Valley Pomona Grange Saturday evening.

M. I. Cole and daughter, Marion were in Milan recently.

Richard Cole has been unable to work the past week, being ill with the prevailing cold.

Old Jackson visited at Berlin and Gorham, Thursday.

Joseph Montgomery has moved his family into Manetta Montgomery's boarding house.

Livvie Jackson and wife spent Sunday at their home in Crystal.

Agonizing Burns.

are instantly relieved and perfectly healed by Bucklen's Arnica Salve. C. Rivenbark, Jr., of Norfolk, Va., writes: "I burnt my knee dreadfully; that it blistered all over. Bucklen's Arnica Salve stopped the pain, and healed it without a scar." Also heals all wounds and sores. 25c at all druggists.

GILEAD.

Mumps are in town.

The weather has been very cold here the past week. Two mornings it was twenty degrees below zero.

Hector McLane is working for T. B. Lary.

Mrs. Josephine Wheeler is visiting friends in Gorham, N. H.

Miss Cora Lary was called to Island Pond on account of the illness of her sister, Mrs. Edward Griffin and family.

Albert Farwell is getting up Milard Connor's wood.

Hosea Lary and Fred Cole are working on the railroad track.

Edra Carter is loading spool strips for D. R. Hastings.

The Mountain Rills will meet with Mrs. Fannie Harriman Thursday, Feb. 9.

Mountain View Grange will give a dance and pie supper at the town hall Tuesday evening, Feb. 14.

FOLEY'S HONEY AND STAR
for children's cough, cures. No opiates.

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Reputation Chocolates.

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FINE LINE OF TOBACCO.

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TORTURING PAIN.

Half This Man's Sufferings Would Have Killed Many a Person, But Doan's Cured Him.

Thousands of grateful people are telling every day how Doan's Kidney Pills cured them of distressing and dangerous kidney and bladder troubles.

Yet other thousands are suffering every day from these same ills. Why? They are either very negligent or very skeptical. Neglect of kidney disorders leads to dropsy, diabetes, Bright's disease and other fatal diseases.

Sincere, honest testimony like the following should convince every skeptic.

A. C. Sprague, stock dealer, of Normal, Ill., writes: "For two whole years I was doing nothing but buying medicines to cure my kidneys. I do not think that any man ever suffered as I did and lived. The pain in my back was so bad that I could not sleep at night. I could not ride a horse and sometimes was unable even to ride in a car. My condition was critical when I sent for Doan's Kidney Pills. I used three boxes and they cured me. Now I can go anywhere and do as much as anybody. I sleep well and feel no discomfort at all."



A. C. SPRAGUE.

A FREE TRIAL of this great kidney medicine which cured Mr. Sprague will be mailed on application to any part of the United States. Address Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Sold by all dealers; price, fifty cents per box.

A WOMAN AT THE BANK.

"Good morning," said the lady in fashionable attire, as she approached the Teller's window in the bank.

"Good morning," came from the busy Teller as he wiped the beads of perspiration from his brow.

"Nice morning," continued the smiling female.

"Yes," said the Teller, turning his face away to escape the strong odor of violet extract.

"Family well?"

"Oh, yes, very well. What can I do for you, this morning?"

"Been on your vacation yet?"

"Not yet," very impatiently.

"Nice weather for vacation?"

"Yes."

"Family away yet?"

"No."

"Going soon, I suppose?"

"Something I can do for you?" said the Teller, very much out of patience, as he saw the line growing behind the fussy woman.

"Yes, let me see. What day is today?"

"To-day is Friday."

"Oh, yes, Friday. Yesterday was Thursday, of course."

"Those people are getting very impatient behind you, madam."

"Must keep you very busy here?"

"—!" aside.

"I suppose you're glad when Sunday comes, so you can have a day of rest."

"Do you want to make a deposit or draw some money, madam?"

"Oh, yes. I almost forgot; why, I want to make a deposit. Oh, dear, I've forgotten to make out the ticket, won't you make it out for me?"

"How much?" as the Teller mopped his brow for the fifth time.

"Let me see! I think it is \$34," fumbling in her pocket.

"Your book, please."

"Oh, my! Now, isn't that too bad! I've come away and left the book and the money at home. Well, I'll have to drop in again. Good day."

Economy.

"Now, dearest, just see," said Mrs. Newlwyed, "since I commenced keeping our accounts we haven't got nearly so many bills to pay. Now, see, you haven't got any butcher's bill or milkman's bill to pay at all this month."

"But, darling, we certainly had plenty of meat and milk all the time."

"Yes, dearest," replied Mrs. Newlwyed; but I bought them from the grocer."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Hard to Refuse.

Rummy Robinson—"How in the name of all hobos do yer get dem kind ladies to give yer de price of a drink?" Boozey Bob—"Why, I always tell dem dat I'm going to spend it in a model saloon like de one in New York."

Meaning of "Creole."

Much confusion exists concerning the meaning of the word "Creole." Webster defines it as "one born of European parents in the American colonies of France or Spain or in the states which were once such colonies, especially a person of French or Spanish descent, who is a native inhabitant of Louisiana, or one of the states adjoining, bordering on the gulf of Mexico."

Rubber Band Around Fish.

A dogfish, 20 inches long, was caught off Nantucket recently and there was an india rubber band about its body just forward of the fins. It had evidently been placed there when the fish was small, as it had cut in quite deep, although it did not appear to trouble the fish.

Sea Serpent 200 Feet Long.

Olaus Magnus wrote in the middle ages of a sea serpent 200 feet long and 20 feet thick which haunted rocks and caves near the sea coast, the old writer adding, "and he puts up his head on high like a pillar and catcheth away men, and he devours them."

Early Risers
The famous little pills.

NOW FOR PURE FOOD.

Results of the New Law to Regulate Adulteration.

One of the most important acts ever passed by Congress, so far as the health of the people is concerned, is the law approved March 3, 1903, authorizing the secretary of agriculture to investigate the adulteration of foods and drugs, to supervise the importation of food products intended for exportation to countries requiring physical or chemical inspection of foods entering their parts and to fix a standard of purity for foods.

The pure food law, as it is called, was supposed to be mainly for the purpose of "getting back" at those countries (Germany, for example) which have excluded some of our foods and food products, on the ground that they were not healthful. Our canned beef is excluded from France and Germany because of the fear of ptomaines. Germany some time ago excluded pork, and some countries do not like our fresh beef because it is supposed to be preserved with boric acid. Be that as it may, it is known that Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief of the bureau of chemistry of the Department of Agriculture, has for years been working to secure the passage of a law by Congress to prevent the adulteration of foods in this country, and in that work he has had the hearty support of the New York Society of Medical Jurisprudence.

The new law ought to accomplish two objects. It should not only enable the Department of Agriculture to prevent the adulteration of domestic foods and liquors. It is also hoped that by a system of certification as to their purity, etc., it may be the means of overcoming foreign prejudice against some of our articles of food, and of removing existing barriers against their sale in other countries.

In some quarters it is said that the law was expressly designed for the benefit of the owners of the California vineyards; that if adulterated cheap wines could not be imported there would be a much larger consumption of the domestic brands of clarets, etc. The imported brands of cheap wines have to be adulterated, it is said, with a small percentage of alcohol, because of the variability of the American climate. The importers of the cheap wines say that the percentage of alcohol added to the wines is only enough to preserve them, and is not enough to make them unhealthful or bring them within what would be known as adulterated wines. But that will be for Dr. Wiley and the Department of Agriculture to determine. In any event the act should operate for the benefit of the public's internal economy, so far as its health is considered, and will enable the public, if it so desires, to be reasonably sure as to the composition of what it is eating and drinking.

At present Dr. Wiley and several experts are at work making up a list of imported articles that are known to be subject to the law, and also a list of those articles which may be suspected of adulteration. In enforcing the law against adulterated foods, whenever the secretary of agriculture has reason to believe that articles are being imported which, by reason of adulteration, are dangerous to the health of the people of the United States, or that their sale has been forbidden in the countries where they are made, or that they have been falsely labelled, he is empowered to obtain at the Custom House specimen original packages or samples from the importations for the purpose of analysis. If such articles are found to be adulterated such goods shall not be delivered to the consignee.—N. Y. Commercial.

Management of Cream.

The management of the cream is the most particular of all the special points in butter-making, both as regards the quantity and the quality of the butter. Sweet cream makes less butter, and that of a less pleasant flavor than soured cream. But if the souring is carried too far the flavor of the butter is deteriorated, as the acidity hastens the production of those volatile acids which when in excess produce that condition which is known as rancidity. It is to the very moderate quantity of these acids in the butter that the pleasant nutty flavor and peculiarly agreeable odor of good butter are due. The proper condition of the cream is called ripeness. The ripening of cream consists in the production of a certainty of lactic acid in the milk, of which the larger part—from sixty to seventy-five per cent.—of the cream consists. The quantity of acid in the cream should be no more than is sufficient to give it a mild, pleasant-sour taste, and this may be produced precisely by the following methods with shallow or deep cold setting respectively.

Keep Accounts.

Book farming will this month especially manifest its advantages. The book we have in mind is the memorandum book, and we doubt if any one who has made such a book his daily companion through the season, entering in it everything which is desirable to remember, would willingly give it up, being sure that whenever book farming is sneered at it cannot be this kind. Let the book be large enough and strong enough, but not too large to carry about; better use two or more when one is filled. Books of this sort are worth preserving, and it is pleasant to refer to them after years.

The average age at death of people who die by accident is thirty-five and one-half years.

Good Listeners.

The praise of the good listener has been sung. He is a boon to the conversationalist whose sentence is so often broken off by his hearer, when his impatience to oppose an opinion which he feels is coming, overrules his good manners. The good listener, however, does not maintain a rigid silence but helps along the conversation by appropriate questions, or a few well chosen words of approval or appreciation. Often this adroit method of listening draws out the best powers of the speaker. But to throw in an occasional "Indeed!" or "How wonderful!" or "Well, I'll declare!" does not lend him assistance; on the contrary, when such expressions, which at the best, are commonplace, are misapplied, they dampen the enthusiasm of the best talker. "Is that true?" is an expression frequently heard. Taken literally, it is a reflection on the veracity of the speaker. On a line with this is "You don't say so." The exclamation may voice surprise, but it is a senseless remark. It is easy to cultivate the habit of using such banal expressions. We have met the woman who interrupts our story with the ejaculation, "Poor thing!" whether we are relating the sorrow of our dearest friend, or the ten's narrow escape from the teeth of a neighbor's terrier; and the young man who cries "Think of that!" to every statement had better keep still. Try to make your comments bright and original. They show that you are following the conversation with interest, and the thought that one is entertaining is a source of inspiration. But in your effort to be helpful, do not overstep the bounds of sincerity and truth.

When You Have a Cold.

The first action when you have a cold should be to relieve the lungs. This is best accomplished by the free use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This Remedy liquefies the tough mucus and causes its expulsion from the air cells of the lungs, produces a free expectoration, and opens the secretions. A complete cure soon follows. This remedy will cure a severe cold in less time than any other treatment and it leaves the system in a natural and healthy condition. It counteracts any tendency towards pneumonia.

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel; E. L. Tebbetts, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead.

The Art of Darning.

Small holes in table linen should be darned with ravelings of the linen itself, and for this purpose the ravelings should be carefully preserved whenever new linen is purchased. Linen floss is the next best darning medium. Darning stockings is never a very welcome task, and too often in the case where there is a large family the task seems almost endless. The following method will insure less darning, because the darns being more secure will last longer. Before beginning to darn a hole tack a piece of coarse net lightly to the stocking over the hole, then darn over the net and be sure to darn well into the stocking as well, to keep the darn firm. This net makes such a good foundation that the work is more quickly done and the result is a much smoother and neater darn than one done in the old way.

The Sunshine of Spring.

The Salve that cures without a scar is DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Cuts, Burns, Boils, Bruises and Piles disappear before the use of this salve as snow before the sunshine of spring. Miss H. M. Middleton, Thebes, Ill., says: "I was seriously afflicted with a fever sore that was very painful. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured me in less than a week." Get the genuine. Sold by G. R. Wiley.

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Kidney trouble preys upon the mind, discourages and lessens ambition; beauty, vigor and cheerfulness soon disappear when the kidneys are out of order or diseased.

Kidney trouble has become so prevalent that it is not uncommon for a child to be born afflicted with weak kidneys. If the child urinates too often, if the urine scalds the flesh or if, when the child reaches an age when it should be able to control the passage, it is yet afflicted with bed-wetting, depend upon it, the cause of the difficulty is kidney trouble, and the first step should be towards the treatment of these important organs. This unpleasant trouble is due to a diseased condition of the kidneys and bladder and not to a habit as most people suppose.

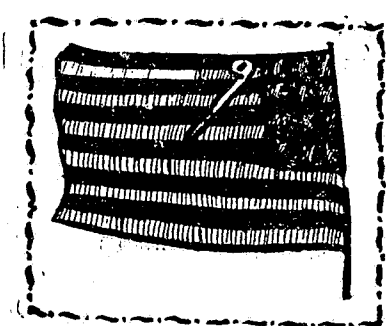
Women as well as men are made miserable with kidney and bladder trouble, and both need the same great remedy. The mild and the immediate effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It is sold by druggists, in fifty-cent and one dollar sizes. You may have a sample bottle by mail free, also pamphlet telling how to Swamp-Root, ing all about it, including many of the thousands of testimonial letters received from sufferers cured. In writing Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., be sure and mention this paper.

Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N. Y., on every bottle.

OUR FIRST FLAG IN WAR.

Still in Possession of Family of Paul Jones' Trusted Lieutenant

Daring Paul Jones, commander of the Bon Homme Richard, had the honor of hoisting the first flag of stars and stripes over an American vessel, and this same flag was also to be saluted by a foreign power in recognition of the United States. This



historical banner still exists and is in possession of the Stafford family, descendants of the Lieut. Stafford who, during the battle between the Bon Homme Richard and the English ship Serapis, leaped into the sea to rescue this flag and then nailed it to the masthead. The flag was made in 1777 by Misses Mary and Sarah Austin, under the direction of General Washington and Captain John Brown. It was presented to Captain John Paul Jones, who carried it to victory many times and finally gave it to his trusted lieutenant. The flag is made of English bunting. Originally it was six feet wide and fifteen feet long, but it is now not over seven feet in length.

Names for Motorboats.

"Motor" is as bad a name as "auto" for those little launches that are shot through the water by automobile engines. But let that pass. The baptismal cognomen is the thing. "When asked why he called his boat 'Hard-Boiled Egg,'" William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., said, "Because it can't be beat." Tangerman's boat is called "Flat," meaning "let it be done." Another is named "Ricochet," because "she skips." Another is called "Shadow," because "it can't be caught." Then there is "Soubrette," because "she's fast." A good name is "Japansey," because "she's got Togo." There is nothing the matter with "Dean," because "she's swift." How is "Friday" because "she'll go fast?" A Panther is called "Time," because "she flies." A Mors is called "Disposition," because she's mercurial.

Owens Bible 200 Years Old.

Andrew L. Keller, of Easton, Pa., has a Bible 260 years old; and it is in an excellent state of preservation. It is fifteen inches long, ten inches wide and six inches thick. The covers are of boards, supposed to be white oak, covered with pigskin. A large metal clasp fastened to one of the covers and used to keep the volume closed is still bright and entire. In spite of its age there is not a leaf loose or torn, and the paper has its original color and is not yellow. In the whole book there is not a single word that is not legible.

Japan Launching Ceremony.

In Japan, instead of "christening" a vessel about to be launched, a large cage full of birds is hung over the prow. Directly the ship is afloat the birds are released, the idea being that the birds thus welcome the ship as she begins her life.

A Giant Electric Crane.

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"Mr. Griddles," said the girl with the class pin, "did you enjoy hearing a college song?"

"No indeed," answered the young man in the cosy corner.

"Then if you never heard one of girls will sing you one."

"I did not say I never heard one. I said I never enjoyed hearing one."

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G. R. WILEY.

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"Your little boy seems to have his father's nose, Mrs. Wibbleton." "Oh, no. It looks that way because he fell yesterday and bumped it on an iron choo-choo car, poor little pet."

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But the handsomest girl you'll ever see,
Is the sensible girl who uses Rocky Mountain Tea.

G. R. WILEY.

"Mr. Griddles," said the girl with the class pin, "did you enjoy hearing a college song?"

"No indeed," answered the young man in the cosy corner.

"Then if you never heard one we girls will sing you one."

"I did not say I never heard one; I said I never enjoyed hearing one."

Coughs and colds, down to the very borderland of consumption, yield to the soothing influence of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup.

She—So you feel that you have no rival in Clara's love, that you are her only lover?

He—Sure! You should have heard how quickly she said yes when I proposed. It was evident she had no other suitor and never expected to have one.

Only one remedy in the world that will at once stop itchiness of the skin in any part of the body. Doan's Ointment. At any drug store.

Minister—Do you know, my friends, that drink brings you straight to the devil? I wonder how many drinkers are before me here today?

It makes no difference how many medicines have failed to cure you, if you are troubled with headache, constipation, kidney or liver troubles, Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will make you well.

G. R. WILEY.

Rejected Suitor—Well, I'll wager you wouldn't refuse me like this if I were rich!

Pretty Maid—Perhaps not—but you'd have to be enormously, incredibly rich, I'll tell you!

Beautiful eyes and handsome face are eloquent commendations. Bright eyes are windows to a woman's soul. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea makes bright eyes. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets.

G. R. WILEY.

"Your little boy seems to have his father's nose, Mrs. Wibleton."
"Oh, no. It looks that way because he fell yesterday and bumped it on an iron choo-choo car, poor little pet."

GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES

Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Druggists refund money if PIAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case, no matter how long standing, in 6 to 14 days. First application gives ease and rest. 50c. If your druggist hasn't it send 50c in stamps and it will be forwarded post-paid by Paris Medicine Co. St. Louis, Mo.

Combined Poultry-House and Piggery
We give herewith a perspective and a sectional view of a small building designed to serve the double purpose of a poultry-house above and a piggery in the basement. It is twenty feet long, ten wide and seven feet high in front above the stone foundation. The front is mainly filled with glazed sash, flooding it with light and

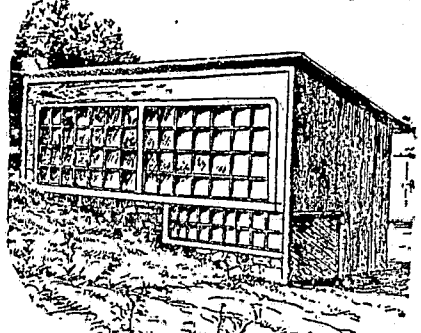


FIG. 1. PERSPECTIVE VIEW OF PIGGERY AND HENNERY.

sunshine. The basement is four feet high in the clear, and is also well lighted. Fig. 2 is a vertical section, showing the internal arrangements. At the west end is an entrance door, opening into a room four feet wide, divided from the rest of the house by a partition of pickets or wire netting, extending across the entire width of the house. In the floor is a trap-door, and a spout through which food is conveyed to the trough in the piggery below. The roosts occupy the central portion of the poultry-house, and at the right are two nest-boxes. Between the lower nestbox and the roost is a

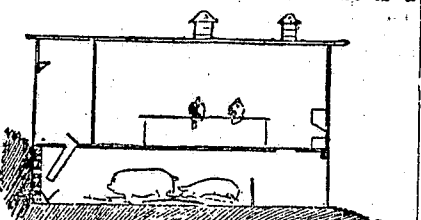


FIG. 2. VERTICAL SECTION.

trapdoor, through which the sweepings are dropped to the pig-pen, from which they are removed with other litter. The plan of the basement is plainly seen in the engraving. The perspective view is given in Fig. 1.

From a Jacky's Diary.
Otto Hoffmeister, son of Mrs. Carrie Hoffmeister, 310 Blackford street, and who is a sailor on the U. S. gunboat Prairie, has written his mother a number of interesting letters in the form of a diary of a 18,000 mile trip on the gunboat in the tropical seas. Hoffmeister joined the navy in Indianapolis. His diary in part is as follows.

"We were given our first 'liberty,' or permission to go ashore, at Trinidad, Port of Spain, Jan. 24, 1902. The streets in Trinidad are of heavy black pavement and are kept clean by a species of bird called 'turkey buzzard,' which is as large as the ordinary buzzard. It is a penalty to kill one of these birds. There are many coolie slaves here, brought from India, and after five years of bondage they are given transportation back to their native land, though very few take advantage of this offer.

"We took a trip to the leper hospital, which is situated just beyond the outskirts of the city, and saw many distressing and pitiful sights among the lepers. The hospital resembles a fine palace, and it is in charge of the sisters of charity.

"After leaving Trinidad we were again given shore leave at 'Pitch Lake,' La Brea, which by the way, is one of the seven wonders of the world. The lake is about a half mile from the town and the road leading to it is made entirely of pitch, and over seven acres was used in the course of construction. The lake looks like a vast pond. There are many shallow places in it filled with water and there are several small islands covered with tropical vegetation. The lake is of very solid substance, much like black rubber.

"One of the overseers told our party that they had dug down to a depth of 125 feet and had not struck bottom. He said they had been digging in the same place for the past seven years and that the place fills up again with pitch twenty-four hours after they stop. The pitch is taken from the lake to a steam plant, where it is melted and run into barrels. The barrels are then loaded onto overhead cable cars and transported to the docks, where they are loaded into vessels and shipped all over the world.

"When we were 'crossing the line,' as the sailors term the equator, we were hailed at 8.30 a. m. by Neptune Rex, king of the sea.
"Promptly at 9 a. m. the following day all hands were 'piped to quarters' to receive King Neptune, who came aboard surrounded by his staff and attendants. They paraded to the 'fo'castle,' where a large platform had been raised for the occasion. The roll was then called and each sailor was taken up before Neptune and asked if he knew of any reason why he should not be made a true and loyal subject to 'his Majesty King Neptune.'

"Each sailor replied that he did not, and he was then turned over to the 'barbers' of Neptune's staff and shaved, first being lathered with a mixture of soap, tar, flour and molasses, which was put on with a white wash brush. After being shaved, each man was placed in a large tank of salt water and held there until the next victim was ready."—Indianapolis Sun

The wife of your youth is clearly entitled to the easiest pump in the house wall, and a covered walk to it from the kitchen door.

The barber who dressed the head of a barrel has been engaged to "fix up" the locks of a canal.

WOMEN WHO CHARM

HEALTH IS THE FIRST ESSENTIAL

It Helps Women to Win and Hold Men's Admiration, Respect and Love

Woman's greatest gift is the power to inspire admiration, respect, and love. There is a beauty in health which is more attractive to men than mere regularity of feature.



To be a successful wife, to retain the love and admiration of her husband, should be a woman's constant study. At the first indication of ill-health, painful or irregular menstruation, headache or backache, secure Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and begin its use.

Mrs. Chas. F. Brown, Vice-President Mothers' Club, 21 Cedar Terrace, Hot Springs, Ark., writes:

Dear Mrs. Pinkham:—
"For nine years I dragged through a miserable existence, suffering with inflammation and falling of the womb, and worn out with pain and weariness. I once noticed a statement by a woman suffering as I was, but who had been cured by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and I determined to try it. At the end of three months I was a different woman. Every one remarked about it, and my husband fell in love with me all over again. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound built up my entire system, cured the womb trouble, and I felt like a new woman. I am sure it will make every suffering woman strong, well and happy, as it has me."

Women who are troubled with painful or irregular menstruation, backache, bloating (or flatulence), leucorrhea, falling, inflammation or ulceration of the uterus, ovarian troubles, that "leaving-down" feeling, dizziness, faintness, indigestion, or nervous prostration may be restored to perfect health and strength by taking Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Spinsters in Bermuda.

In most countries where civilization is somewhat backward, marriage is apparently regarded as the necessary fate of every woman. This is so much the case in Russia that there when the parents of a girl see her getting on toward old maidenhood without any prospect of marriage they take her abroad for a time. After a year or two she will reappear among her old friends as a widow, and though they may suspect that her late lamented husband never existed outside the imagination of those who invented them, yet the fiction is useful in giving her a certain status in society and enabling her to avoid the mortifications of the "unappropriated blessing."

In Bermuda, on the other hand girls are often prevented from marrying by the law of the land, which decrees that a woman who marries a foreigner shall not only lose what property she may happen to have, but shall also become incapable of inheriting any.

Sometimes Bermudan girls renounce their birthrights for love's sake; but, as a rule, the charms of penniless damsels are not sufficient for men to desire them for wives, and therefore many of them are doomed to spinsterhood by the law.

Fraud Exposed.

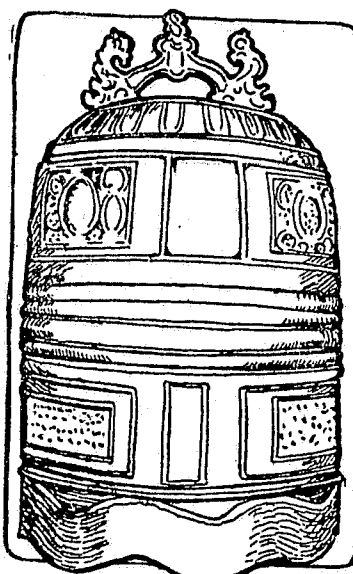
A few counterfeiters have lately been making and trying to sell imitations of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, and other medicines, thereby defrauding the public. This is to warn you to beware of such people, who seek to profit, through stealing the reputation of remedies which have been successfully curing disease, for over 35 years. A sure protection, to you, is our name on the wrapper. Look for it, on all Dr. King's, or Bucklen's remedies, as all others are mere imitations. H. E. BUCKLEN'S & CO., Chicago, Ill., and Windsor, Canada. All druggists.

KILL THE COUGH AND CURE THE LUNGS
WITH **Dr. King's New Discovery**
FOR CONSUMPTION, COUGHS AND COLDS
Price 50c & \$1.00 Free Trial.
Surest and Quickest Cure for ALL THROAT AND LUNG TROUBLES, OR MONEY BACK.

KOREAN'S WONDERFUL BELL.

A Child Was Sacrificed in Molten Metal Before Casting.

A queerly shaped gong, which occupies a position of honor in the centre of the City of Seoul, Korea, is said to be one of the largest in the world, and is called "the bell with the wall of a child in its voice." When first cast the bell sounded with a harsh



and cracked note, and the superstitious Emperor, fearing an ill omen, consulted with his magicians. These gentlemen held a long confab, and finally stated that the bell would never sound right until a live child was given to it. The mass was then melted again, and a live baby was thrown into the molten metal. The wail of agony uttered by the little tot as the bronze engulfed it seemed to be repeated every time the bell was tolled, and to-day the Koreans still claim that the wail of a child can be heard in the voice of the metal.

Iron Turned Into Copper.

A curious find was recently made in one of the copper mines at El Cobre, Cuba. These mines, once among the richest in the world, have been abandoned for over thirty years because during the Cuban insurrection of 1895 the coal supply was cut off by the insurgents, and consequently pumping became impossible, so that the mines filled with water. After the Spanish war an American company bought the mines and proceeded to pump out the water. In one of the shafts thus made accessible was found what once represented an iron pickaxe as well as some crowbars. The metal in these implements had, however, turned to copper.

Repaired the Family.

The following is a literal copy of a bill recently sent by a cobbler to a Yorkshire, England, squire:

Squire Knowle to S. Watson, Cobbler.
Gloved up Miss s. d.
Tapt Master 10
Heel tapt and bound up Madam... 11
Mended up Miss 2
Heel tapt Master 8
Lined bound and put piece on Madam 1 00
Stitched up Miss Kitty 3
Soulting the Maid 2
Putting piece on Master 8
Total 5 12

Teeth of the Savages.

Among the savages anything save perfect sets of teeth is an extreme rarity, and the Eskimos, who live under the most unhygienic conditions of all people, have the most perfect teeth in the world. The reason for this is found in the fact that they eat tough foods, which require long mastication before they can be swallowed, and this long mastication cleans the teeth, polishes them, so that they offer few inducements to bacteria, and sweeps whatever germs may have found lodgment in the mouth into the stomach with the food, where they are speedily killed.

The Divining Rod.

A divining rod is a rod with forked branches, usually made of witch hazel, but sometimes of iron or even of brass and copper, and used by those that pretend to tell where water, minerals and metals are underground. According to the superstition, the rod is said to dip when held over the desired spot.

Heat of the Earth.

Lord Kelvin has calculated that, assuming the earth to have been a molten mass when it first started on its career, it would have taken 100,000,000 years for it to have cooled down to its present temperature, but Lord Kelvin showed prophetic insight when he added, "provided a new source of heat was not discovered."

Strange Oversight.

"Say," remarked the boarder with the unbarbered hair, "I am writing an ode to our landlady. I wish you would suggest a rhyme for spoons."

"Is it possible," queried the bald-headed bachelor, "that you have overlooked spoons?"

Ordered 10,000 Evergreen Trees.
John D. Rockefeller has placed an order with a Tarrytown, N. Y., dealer for 10,000 evergreen trees, which will be planted on his estate at Pocantico hills. This is said to be the largest order of its kind ever placed by one man.

Wild Geese Annoyance.
Farmers of the Falkland Islands are offering rewards for the destruction of wild geese, which increase and multiply to such an extent as to threaten the subsistence of the sheep.

A Five-Legged Calf.
Joseph Lafe of Benson, Vt., has a five-legged calf born June 2, which is thrifty. Mr. Lafe has been offered \$150 for the calf and his mother.

HEALTH
In Childhood
means health in later years. As the child builds the adult shall be. Weakly, neglected children do not grow to vigorous man and womanhood. Childhood complaints yield easily to proper treatment—but they do not correct themselves. The weak stomach, pallid complexion, listless bearing, irritable temper, disturbed sleep, speak plainly of the ailments common to children, most of which have their origin in disordered stomach and bowels.
The greatest safeguard to children's health is
Dr. True's Elixir
For indigestion, irritability, constipation, poor appetite, peevishness, fevers, stomach and liver troubles, and worms it is unequalled. Parents of two generations have relied upon it. It restores sound, vigorous aids nature to repair the damage; builds new the waste, enriches the blood and sends a glow of health and vigor to every organ and tissue of the body. At all druggists, 35c. Write for free booklet: "Children and Their Diseases."
DR. J. F. TRUE & CO.,
Auburn, Maine.

Reports of the Directors and Treasurer of the Bethel Creamery Company, Bethel, Maine, for one year, ending December 31, 1904.

DIRECTORS' REPORT.

RECEIPTS:—	
Cream and Milk,	\$ 481.96
Butter,	12,039.44
Pig Account, (profit)	16.56
Butter stored '03,	16.19
Merchandise Account, "	16.17
Egg Account, "	58.17
Premium on butter, "	1.50
	\$ 12,620.99

EXPENDITURES:—	
Collecting Cream,	\$ 1,015.49
Manager and Help,	1,070.49
Treasurer's Salary,	96.00
Taxes, Interest and Insurance,	185.92
Fuel, Water and Ice,	216.84
Material and Packages,	286.29
Repairs,	134.46
Freights,	96.98
Organizing and Books,	38.25
Loss by failures,	107.95
Doubtful Accounts,	42.39
Dividend, 4 per cent. per annum to date,	94.98
	\$ 3,386.04
Paid Patrons for Cream,	9,141.39
	\$ 12,527.43

Surplus for the year,	93.56
Surplus for year ending December 31, 1903,	2.04
Surplus December 31, 1904,	95.60

STATISTICS.

Pounds of Cream gathered,	249,724.4
Pounds of butter fat paid for,	43,523.2
Average test of cream,	17.4
Number of pounds of butter made,	52,471.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES.

ASSETS.	
Land,	\$ 208.00
Buildings and Fixtures,	1,250.00
Equipment,	136.70
Fuel, Material and Packages,	246.80
Cash,	288.24
Merchandise,	39.50
Pigs,	30.00
Butter on hand,	61.62
Accounts Receivable,	795.37
	\$ 3,056.23

LIABILITIES.	
Capital Stock,	1,500.00
Notes Payable,	500.00
Due N. S. & L. Bank,	70.04
December Cream, due Feb. 1,	613.99
Vouchers and Accounts,	276.60
Loss and Gain,	95.60
	\$ 3,056.23

CAPITAL STOCK.

Number of shares authorized,	10,000
Par value of shares,	\$1
Total amount issued and outstanding,	\$1,500
S. B. TWITCHELL, CHESTER WHEELER, F. F. BEAN,	Directors.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Balance Sheet, December 31, 1904.	
\$ 208.00	Capital Stock,
1,250.00	Land,
136.70	Buildings and Fixtures,
	Equipment,
17.00	Notes Payable,
229.80	Fuel, Water and Ice,
	Material and Packages,
	December Cream,
	Due N. S. & L. Bank,
	Vouchers and Accounts,
1,214.73	Due from Chester Wheeler
	Loss & Gain,
\$3,056.23	
	LOSS & GAIN.
	Balance Dec. 31, 1903,
	Butter sold,
	Cream and Milk sold,
	Eggs, (profit)
	Merchandise, "
	Pigs, "
	Butter stored '03, "
	Premium on butter,
	Expenses,
	Cream bought,
	Balance,
\$12,623.03	

E. L. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

WANT COLUMN.

For Sale.

Two more Sleighs and one set of One-Horse Sleds.

F. C. BARTLETT.

35w2pd Bethel, Me.

Wanted.

Ten men in each state to travel, tack signs and distribute samples and circulars of our goods. Salary \$75.00 per month. \$3.00 per day for expenses.

KUHLNAN CO.,

Dept. S., Atlas Building, Chicago.

Wanted.

Delivered at our factory the coming winter one-half million feet of beech, birch, maple, oak, pine, spruce, hemlock and fir logs, also five hundred cords white birch. We pay cash.

BETHEL MANUFACTURING CO.

P. S. We have a few logging contracts which we will let to the right parties. Inquire of J. H. Barrows at the Chair Factory. 24

Farm for Sale.

A nice farm situated in Lewiston within three miles of the city, on electric road; fifty acres of land, about equally divided as to pasture and tillage land; has thirty or forty fruit trees; a spring of pure water near house, also nice well water, excellent set of farm buildings including large hen-house, new; cellar underhouse, oil and stable; excellent land to cultivate, and cuts twenty-five tons of hay; early land, and excellent markets for vegetables, berries and all farm produce; never failing brook runs through the pasture. Will sell at a bargain and on easy terms. For particulars inquire of, or address,

E. C. BOWLER,

Bethel, Maine.

WANTED—American women between 18 and 30 years of age to work as attendants in the Medfield Insane Asylum at Medfield Junction, Mass., 20 miles from Boston. Wages increase with length of service. An opportunity to become a trained nurse. Address, DR. EDWARD FRENCH, 1y47 Medfield, Mass.

AGENTS WANTED, AT LIBERAL COMMISSION

To introduce and sell "Sunshine," the best furniture polish in the world. It sells on sight. You can make money this winter. For particulars write, OREN HOOPER'S SONS, 31 Portland, Me.

CHOICE MEATS.

In addition to my usual stock of

Staple and Fancy Groceries, Cigars, Confectionery, etc

I KEEP ON HAND

Beef, Pork, Ham, Sausage, Breakfast Bacon, Tripe, Finnan Haddie, Smoked Halibut, Tongues and Sounds, Oysters and Clams.

CHAS. A. LUCAS, Fancy Grocer,
MAIN STREET, BETHEL, MAINE.

"THE HOUSEHOLD OUTFITTERS."

500 Odd Lots of Good Wall Papers at a Fraction of Their Worth.

Our January Clearance Sale of Wall Papers has always proved one of the red letter events in our winter business. There are papers suitable for every room in the house, 4 to 12 rolls in each lot. Sale prices, 10c to \$1.50 per roll. Tell us the room you want to paper and its size, and we'll guarantee to please you or refund your money.

Eureka Cork Printed Linoleum, 4 yds. wide, extra heavy, \$1.25 grade, 87 cts. square yard. Send for samples. Smokeless and Odorless Oil Heaters, absolutely safe, economical of fuel, and powerful heaters, nickel trimmed, large size, \$3.98.

Double Dusted Sanitary Curled Hair Mattresses, 2 parts, 40 lbs., \$15. Write us your wants and we will gladly send samples and information. Expert advice on redecorating and refurnishing homes, hotels, offices, etc.

OREN HOOPER'S SONS,
PORTLAND, MAINE.

Sour Stomach

No appetite, loss of strength, nervousness, headache, constipation, bad breath, general debility, sour risings, and catarrh of the stomach are all due to indigestion. Kodol cures indigestion. This new discovery represents the natural juices of digestion as they exist in a healthy stomach, combined with the greatest known tonic and reconstructive properties. Kodol (Dyspepsia Cure) does not only cure indigestion and dyspepsia, but this famous remedy cures all stomach troubles by cleansing, purifying, sweetening and strengthening the mucous membranes lining the stomach.

"Mr. S. S. Ball, of Ravenswood, W. Va., says:—I was troubled with sour stomach for twenty years. Kodol cured me and we are now using it in milk for baby."

Kodol Digests What You Eat.
Bottles only, \$1.00 Size holding 2½ times the trial size, which sells for 50 cents.

Prepared by E. C. DAWITT & CO., CHICAGO.

For Sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel, Maine.

Hay for Sale.

I have about seven tons of good stock hay for sale.

W. A. Holt,

Bethel, Me.

Wanted.

Plain sewing to do at home. Call on or address

IDA M. ROLLINS,
Mason Street,
Bethel.

Wanted.

A situation as stenographer by girl who has had several years' experience. Address

W. Care of News,
Bethel, Maine.

Wanted.

Teachers for graded and ungraded schools. Write to
THE MAINE TEACHERS' AGENCY,
Bethel, Maine.

CASTORIA.

Bears the Signature of
The Kind You Have Always Bought
Chas. H. Fletcher

Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. Unequaled for Constipation.

Mr. A. R. Kane, a prominent druggist of Baxter Springs, Kansas, says: "Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets are, in my judgment, the most superior preparation of anything in use to-day for constipation. They are sure in action and with no tendency to nauseate or gripe."

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead.

Thoughts on the International Sunday School Lessons.

(BY REV. CHARLES N. GLEASON.)
Lesson for Feb. 12, 1905

Subject:—The second miracle in Cana. Scripture, John 4:43-54.

Golden Text:—The same works that I do bear witness of Me, that the Father hath sent Me.

Jesus remained in Samaria two days teaching the hated enemies of Israel how to come into the spiritual Israel, and to worship the Father in spirit and in truth; then he went down into Galilee. A prophet is without honor in his own country we are told, yet he goes to his own country. But the point of this quotation is seen when we remember that He had first made Himself famous in Judea and in Samaria before going into Galilee.

And now He comes again to Cana, where He made the water wine. He is known in Cana as a miracle worker, and is now sought out by a nobleman whose son is sick in Capernaum.

First.—We notice that the Galileans received Jesus, having seen all the things He did in Judea. "But," you say, "I have not seen such things done, why then should I be expected to believe?" What have not you seen the power of the Divine Christ? Where the spirit of His gospel has gone there has been the evidence of supernatural power. An island has been changed from a menace to the unfortunates who might be cast upon it, to a port of welcome, where ships gladly cast anchor; nations have been exalted as they have taken into their life the principles of the gospel; communities have become purified and ennobled as the sweet reasonableness of the Christ's life has become their life; individuals have been lifted up out of degradation and poverty to purity and affluence by this same indwelling Christ. Because of the seen and known power of the Christ in the world, we have abundant reason to welcome Him into our midst and to be assured that He can and will bless us.

Second.—A certain nobleman called upon Him for help, believing in Him. We have perhaps, thought so much of the fact that the poor and oppressed flocked to Jesus, that we may not have enough realized that there were not a few among the rich and the noble of earth who believed on Him. There is a too prevalent idea that men of wealth and learning care nothing for the Christ and His gospel. Now this is not true. To be sure great world success and power are likely to draw men away from the simple truths and life of the gospel. The dazzle of wealth and power often blind men to the higher riches and worth, yet it is one of the greatest proofs of the power of the Christ that so many men of wealth and world position do care for religion and earnestly endeavor to bring the principles of Christ into their business and social life. Do we not get too skeptical and intolerant of the rich? Do we often enough ask ourselves how we would be likely to stand prosperity? When you consider the great host of wealthy, influential men who hold fast to their religion, who are true to christian duties and obligations, you have reason to thank God for the power of His truth and life that can save even the rich and mighty of the earth.

Third.—In answer to this man's solicitation for help, Jesus answered "Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe." This "Ye" referred to the Jews as a whole, and this man was classed with the faithless ones in order to bring out his faith. There was no argument by this real Nobleman, only the answer of faith "Come before my child die!" This is the way to answer suggestions of doubt, whether from without or within. "God cannot set aside the laws of nature," says one, "why pray to Him in time of sickness or threatened death?" He cannot help me in this peculiar trouble, your faint heart cries, why call upon Him? The way to deal with these suggestions is this man's way, "God come down to me! God help me!" And the more our faith seems to fail, the more need to call entreatingly to Him. He will come; He will

answer your cry in some way; how I do not know.

Fourth.—A still greater exhibition of faith! Jesus said, "Go thy way, thy son liveth," and he went his way, with an implicit faith accepting the Master's assurance. We often say that the great thing is to pray in faith. Yes, but a greater is to receive in faith. When you have earnestly asked God for a thing, when you have honestly committed your way to Him, stop worrying! It is in His hands now, He is in charge, believe that He will see you through. Well, you say, why then are we taught to continue our intercessions? I think simply to fix our interest, to increase our earnestness, to give stability to our trust. When we are ready to rest our cause in God's hands, then we need to ask no more, for God surely does not need to be urged to do the right thing, and He has promised to answer the prayer of faith.

Fifth.—This Nobleman found that the cure came to his son the very same hour that Jesus assured him his son lived. Why was this exact hour set for the cure? Doubtless that this man's faith in the Saviour should be extended to discipleship. He is sure now that this remarkable healing was wrought by the power of Jesus; he is going to become a follower of this great Saviour; he is going to bring his family into the same faith and life. Christ's miracles were performed that men seeing, might believe on Him. So the good that God does for us is meant to win us to His divine truth and life. How unthankful would that Nobleman have been if he had taken the life of his son as the gift of Jesus, and then taken the life service of the master as his service, which he was in duty bound to perform.

Sixth.—Here is an instance of how a father brought a marvelous blessing to his family through his faith in the Christ. The lesson is very clear. Fathers, have you brought the Christ to your family, or are you keeping his presence out of the home? The disease of sin may be rebuked in your child, if you go to the Christ in faith! You may secure His power in the lives of your family, if you put your faith in Him and insist on his coming to your home.

Another Case of Rheumatism Cured by Chamberlain's Pain Balm.

The efficacy of Chamberlain's Pain Balm in the relief of rheumatism is being demonstrated daily. Parker Triplett, of Grigsby, Va., says that Chamberlain's Pain Balm gave him permanent relief from rheumatism in the back when everything else failed, and he would not be without it.

For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel; H. W. Dennison, West Bethel; E. L. Tebbets, Locke Mills; J. W. Bennett, Gilead.

PROBATE NOTICES.

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:
At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and five. The following matter having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby Ordered:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in The Bethel News, a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris on the third Tuesday of February A. D. 1905, at 2 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

OLIVE BLAKE, late of Gilead, deceased; first and final account presented for allowance, by H. H. Hastings, Administrator.
ELIZABETH J. TYLER late of Bethel, deceased; first account presented for allowance by Elsie C. Park, Administrator.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that they have been duly appointed administrators of the estate of WILLIAM B. RUSSELL, late of Hanover, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

NOTICE.

The subscriber hereby gives notice that he has been duly appointed administrator with the will annexed of the estate of ROBERT G. WILEY, late of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, deceased, and given bonds as the law directs. All persons having demands against the estate of said deceased are desired to present the same for settlement, and all indebted thereto are requested to make payment immediately.

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